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A car is set ablaze on Georgia Street on June 15, 2011, following Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Final. Vancouverites share their memories on the one-year anniversary of the Stanley Cup riot on page 4.
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Revised legislation

Tough impaired-driving laws back on the books

B.C. drivers are again facing what are considered the toughest drunk-driving penalties in Canada after the province was forced to adjust the law in the wake of a court ruling.

The law, introduced in September 2010, gave police the power to impound cars and hand out hefty fines to drivers whose blood-alcohol level was higher than .05, which is slightly below the .08 legal limit under the Criminal Code.

The law was later withdrawn after a B.C. Supreme Court judge ruled it violated drivers' rights because it didn't provide a way for them to challenge the result of a roadside breath test.

Under the revised law, police officers must tell drivers they can have a second test if they fail the first one, and the lower of the two readings will prevail.

Police must also provide sworn reports on every roadside driving ban they issue and must also submit documents confirming the accuracy of the breathalyzers they use.

Justice Minister Shirley Bond said the changes go beyond what the court ordered because the government wants to ensure the rules are both fair and effective.

The government said the law has already exceeded its expectations in reducing drunk-driving deaths in the province, with the number of deaths falling by 44 per cent in the first 17 months since the law came into force. It says that figure represents 71 lives saved.

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Jersey couture: Whitecaps unveil new uniforms

Whitecaps captain Jay DeMerit models the team's third kit on Thursday at B.C. Place. The new jersey, described as "arbutus brown" with blue highlights, will be worn on Saturday when the team takes on the Colorado Rapids in Vancouver. CAT WATSON/COURTESY VANCOUVER WHITECAPS

Pure ecstasy can be 'safe': Health officer

MDMA debate. B.C.'s chief provincial health officer proposes risk-management approach to the street drug

Taking pure ecstasy can be "safe" when consumed responsibly by adults, British Columbia's chief health official says, despite warnings by police in Alberta and B.C. about the dangers of the street drug after a rash of deaths.

Dr. Perry Kendall says the risks of MDMA — the pure substance known by the street name ecstasy — are overblown, and that its lethal dangers arise only when the man-made chemical is polluted by money-hungry gangs who cook it up.

Kendall suggests the risks of black-market MDMA could be mitigated if, for example, it were to be legalized and sold through licensed, government-run stores where the product is strictly regulated.

"I am quite a strong critic of prohibition," Kendall said, "because I don't think it keeps drugs out of the hands of vulnerable people and I don't think it does much to reduce harmful use and I think it has other harmful effects like putting billions of dollars into the hands of criminal enterprises."

But he said he is not advocating legalization as the solution. Rather, he believes there should be a discussion about policy that goes beyond the current losing war on drugs.

The agony of ecstasy

- At least 16 people from B.C. to Saskatchewan have died since last July from a tainted batch of ecstasy they obtained from criminal dealers, the only way an average person can acquire the drug in Canada. It was cut with a toxin called PMMA.

Just like the growing chorus for marijuana legalization, Kendall believes crushing the dirty ecstasy-saturated black market and its associated violence requires an evidence-based strategy that revolves around public health.

"If you knew what a safe dosage was, you might be able to buy ecstasy like you could buy alcohol from a government-regulated store," Kendall said.

Several studies agree the pure substance is not as dangerous as previously thought, including research by a Harvard psychiatrist that dispels more damning earlier work.

Kendall was asked whether ecstasy, after further study around correct dosage and in a setting involving strict controls, could be safe.

"Absolutely," he replied.

Kendall made it clear, however, that he does not advocate promoting the drug for recreational use and he does not advocate legalizing it. He said his position is if that were to happen, it could reduce risks from black market MDMA.

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On the web

Cat haters rejoice

The Canadian Transportation Agency has ordered Air Canada, Air Canada Jazz and WestJet to do more to keep passengers with cat (but not dog) allergies far from travelling felines. Go to metronews.ca to find out why fur won't be flying anymore.

Mobile news

When Nik Wallenda steps out onto a cable on Friday he will carry with him the hopes (and prayers) of daredevil enthusiasts from around the world. Scan the code to watch Wallenda's walk across Niagara Falls live later Friday.

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The premier

Premier Christy Clark, on the Stanley Cup riot's legacy. "Obviously, there was a big downside to the riots but there was an upside that people commented on at the time and that was we saw the incredible spirit of volunteerism as the city pulled together. We saw what we were capable of when we decided that we were all going to pitch in and look after each other. I still feel that spirit as a result of that." **(PHOTO CREDIT: PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO FILE)**

The Good Samaritan

Robert MacKay, the Good Samaritan who tried to stop an angry mob from smashing the Hudson Bay's storefront, on his life after the ordeal. "It's been a pretty good year. I was able to drop the puck at the (Canucks) season opening game this year. I was awarded the Heroes and Rescue Award from the Justice Institute of B.C. I still love Vancouver. I think I had one crappy night."
(PHOTO CREDIT: MATT KIELTYKA/METRO FILE)

Richard Lam, photographer of the infamous riot kissing couple, on how the riot changed his life. "A lot more people know who I am now, and it's become more of a conversation piece more than anything. Other than that it hasn't really changed much. The industry that we're in right now, to put it mildly, is in a transition phase, so things aren't what they used to be anymore, so Getty has been really good to me and has kept working with me, and you know, that's all I can ever ask for."
(PHOTO CREDIT: RICH LAM/GETTY IMAGES)

The restaurant owner

Francesco Caligiuri, owner of Da Gino Ristorante — one of the first businesses hit by the rioters — on his strongest memory of the night. "At first I got really upset and angry, my family just begged me to no to do anything crazy, not to respond to them or try to throw something back at them because that's what you felt like doing to protect yourself and the family. It wasn't the smashed windows or the damages that stood out the most to me, it was probably trying your best to protect your family without doing (something) that's dangerous."

The nurse leader

Christina Graham, nurse leader at St. Paul's Hospital emergency room the night of the riot, on the chaos that night. "The majority initially were people covered in tear gas. We had people in contamination suits outside dunking people off in the (water) buckets and generally minor injuries, people who could make it to the hospital on their own, things like sprains, strains, minor fractures, but not needing an ambulance. Shortly after that, when police did have a better handle on the crowd, that's when paramedics could go in and start picking up patients and the seriously injured came in. We had things like rib fractures, collapsed lungs, some more serious facial injuries."

The police chief

VPD Chief Jim Chu on the "heroes" who came out the day after the riot. "I think (the riot was) a night that many people wish didn't happen, but I also think back to ... the people who came forward on their own to help clean up the streets, the people that expressed support for the Good Samaritans who were trying to stop the carnage. Out of a sad night, there were some stories of redemption and hope."
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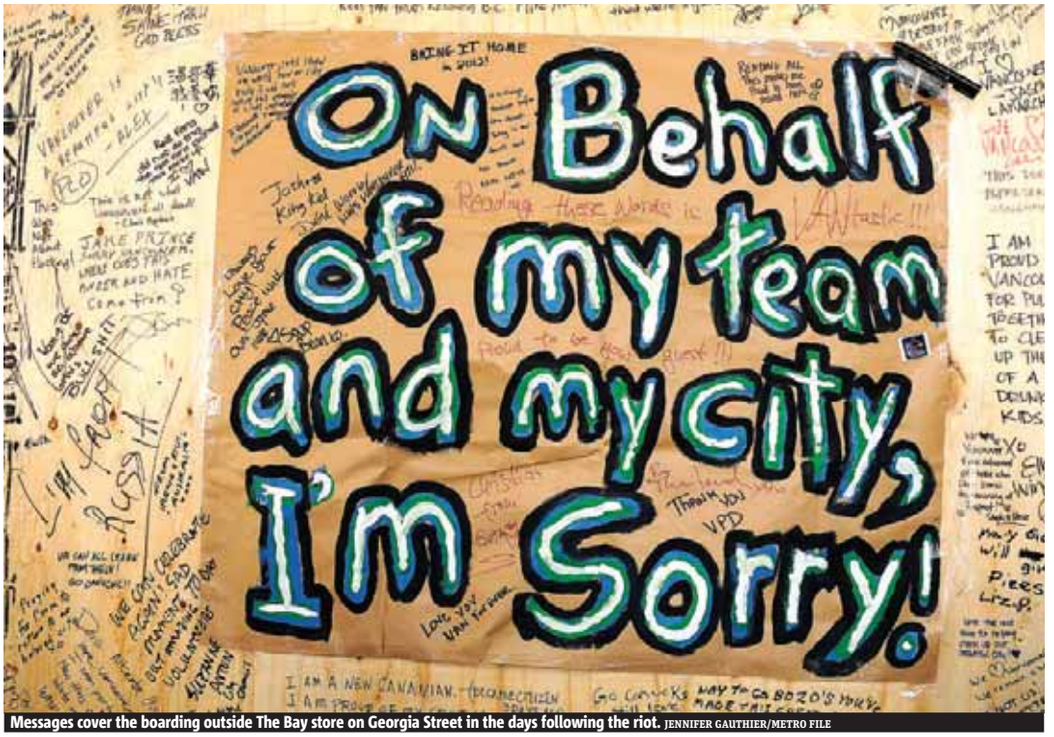

Messages cover the boarding outside The Bay store on Georgia Street in the days following the riot. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

June 15, 2011. A year after the Stanley Cup riot that shook the city, Vancouverites look back on a night of mayhem, violence — and bravery

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It's been a year since vandals, looters and hooligans gave Vancouver a black eye, but the Stanley Cup riot also produced many "heroes" who tried to defend their city and clean up the negativity.

Mayor Gregor Robertson said the riot anniversary should be a time to reflect on lessons learned and celebrate the people who truly cared about the city — those who carried brooms, brushes and garbage bags the next day and left messages of hope on the "apology wall."

"People should remember the incredible response of our community right after the riot to reclaim our streets and demonstrate our pride in Vancouver," he said. "I feel that was even more powerful than the riot itself."

Dean Seskin, 19, was hailed one of the heroes, along with Chris McLelland, in the aftermath of the riot after stepping in and pulling Robert MacKay — the man who tried to stop a mob from smashing the Hudson Bay's store windows — into safety from further beating.

"I just didn't want him to get hurt," he said. "He hit the ground and I thought when someone starts kicking or stepping on him, he's going to die.

"Eventually when we saw him trip and get pulled down, it was just kind of reaction more than anything."

Seskin said he's built friendships with MacKay and McLelland after the ordeal.

Vancouver police Const. Erik Kerasiotis, who was in charge of logistics for the riot squad, said even after getting concussed during the riot night by a flying baseball-sized rock, it didn't change his mind about being a police officer.

He said he was proud of what his fellow officers did that night, but was even more impressed by the courage of civilians.

"It's one thing for myself and the other officers to go into harm's way with all of our protective gear and training, but it was the citizens who stepped up to try to stop a group of people from destroying a business," he said.

"They were just in their shorts and T-shirts protecting somebody, a business or a car. That took a lot of bravery to me."

The June 15 mayhem caused millions of dollars in damages and police have so far recommended 674 charges against 225 suspected rioters. Only a small handful have entered guilty pleas.

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Summer fair offers gamut of services to city's homeless

Housing to haircuts. Union Gospel Mission event was designed to do in one day what might normally take months: Spokesman

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"There are actually three events like this that happen in the city every year, but there's a big gap in the middle of them, about six months where there's nothing like this."

Union Gospel Mission spokesman Derek Weiss

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Hundreds of under-housed and homeless people attended a summer fair Thursday at the Union Gospel Mission on the Downtown Eastside, with 35 service providers in one place to help them with everything from housing to haircuts.

With a live jazz trio playing on a stage, people filled up their plates for brunch and browsed dozens of booths offering employment and income assistance, mental health and addictions support, and even free wheelchair and bike repairs.

Union Gospel Mission (UGM) spokesman Derek Weiss explained the Summer Connect event was designed to do in one day what might normally take months.

"There are actually three events like this that happen in the city every year, but there's a big gap in the middle of them, about six months where there's nothing like this," Weiss said.

"It's really about stopping tragic gaps, because there are these tragic service gaps that break our hearts, and we have to do something about it."

Mario Giraldo, a recovering alcoholic and drug addict who said he has been sober for four years, said he was mainly interested in connecting with the various housing services.

"I've signed up with a number of agencies and it's just, everything takes time," he said. "The list is so long, so it makes it difficult because there's a waiting list and I'm on a fixed income."

He said he has been living in a shelter for the last month, and before that was sleeping on the street.

Meanwhile, just outside the UGM doors, Chuck Clements was getting a bracket on his wheelchair worked on by a volunteer from the Wheelin' Mobility repair service.

"There's all kinds of different services in the hall and outside, so it's sure going to help a lot of people," he said. "It makes people aware of what services there are for them, and that's a good thing."

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Matt Pregent with Wheelin' Mobility works on a footrest bracket on Chuck Clements' wheelchair at the Summer Connect fair outside the Union Gospel Mission Thursday. KATE WEBB/METRO

B.C. Supreme Court to rule on doctor-assisted suicide

A group challenging Canada's laws against doctor-assisted suicide is expected to get an answer Friday from the B.C. Supreme Court.

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association is leading the charge for the group, including Gloria Taylor, who wants the court to strike down the law that bans such suicides as her health fades because of ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease.

Grace Pastine, the association's litigation director, said Taylor simply wants the option of asking for such a death. "That is not to say that Gloria is ready to die — she's not," Pastine said in an interview. "That will make her life now more comfortable and will give her great peace of mind."

Taylor became involved in the lawsuit last year when the symptoms of her amyotrophic lateral sclerosis became worse. Pastine said Taylor's condition had deteriorated to the point where she's in a wheelchair and now needs a feeding tube. "She's still spirited and lively, but her body is failing her."

The constitutional challenge involves the laws that make it illegal to help someone commit suicide. At the start of the trial last year, the association asked B.C. Supreme Court Justice Lynn Smith to declare that the federal law preventing physician-assisted suicide infringes on the Canadian Charter of Rights.

If the court rules the government has some time to change the law, Pastine said the association asked the judge to rule that Taylor will still be able to ask for a doctor-assisted death.

During the trial, association lawyer Joe Arvay said evidence showed that people who want assisted suicide were already getting help illegally, just like back-alley abortions decades ago before those laws were changed.

1993 ruling

- **In September 1993, judges of the Supreme Court of Canada ruled 5-4 against an assisted suicide for Sue Rodriguez, who also had ALS.**

The federal government's lawyer, Donnaree Nygard, told the court at the start of the trial that while the stories were heart wrenching, the potential harm of striking down the law was irreversible and would put the elderly, depressed and disabled at risk. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Extreme. Demanding race weaves through the North Shore mountains

Extreme athletes will compete for bragging rights this weekend when they take on a 45-kilometre journey through the North Shore mountains.

The Red Bull Divide and Conquer takes place Saturday at 10 a.m. and begins on Grouse Mountain. Runners will climb nearly 6,000 feet through Baden Powell Trail to the top of Grouse before tagging their mountain-biking teammate for the next leg of the competition.

Bikers will tear back down the trails to allow a third teammate to complete the journey by kayak down the Capilano River to Ambleside Park. The race is expected to take between five and seven hours to complete and will be followed by a barbecue for competitors.

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Theft. Surrey man arrested for allegedly stealing mobile phones

Surrey RCMP have arrested a man who for allegedly targeting mobile phone sellers through online forums.

Manjinder Nagra, 22, faces 14 counts of theft under $5,000 and one count of robbery for crimes allegedly committed in the Newton area of Surrey.

"It's starting to become an emerging pattern, not just in Surrey, but throughout the region," said Sgt. Drew Grainger.

Police are becoming more attuned to the work of prolific offenders as this type of theft becomes more common, Grainger said.

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House party death

Accused waving gun: Witness

The host of a Kelowna house party where an 18-year-old man was shot and killed in 2007 says the accused was waving a gun around before the fatal shot was fired. Taylor Henderson told the court that Trevor Shannon pointed a gun at the head of a guest before everyone rushed into the street. CKFR

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Police say the person who tried to rob a credit union in Armstrong turned out to be a 64-year-old woman who tried to make her getaway on a bike. She fled the Valley First Credit Union empty-handed on Monday, and was found by bank staff a short distance away.

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The annual Rio Tinto Alcan Dragon Boat Festival in False Creek last year. DAVID PROCTOR/METRO FILE

Festival celebrates late founder with new fleet

5,000 paddlers. Nine more dragon boats will take to the water for this weekend's event

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This weekend nearly 5,000 paddlers racing in False Creek will all be in the same boat — literally.

Dragon Boat Festival spokeswoman Anita Webster explained Concord Pacific president and CEO Terry Hui donated nine new dragon boats this year in honour of the festival's co-founder, Milton Wong, who died of pancreatic cancer Dec. 31.

"These boats are made in Germany, and they're beautiful dragon boats. The paddlers like them because they are fast, they are comfortable, they're well-built and they look really nice," Webster said.

The sleek new boats, made by Boots und Kunststoffbau, are known as BuKs.

"Now that we've been given these new boats we're going to have two fleets of BuKs, and when you paddle in a race everybody needs to be in the same type of boat, the same age of boat, really, because that makes it fair, so that's why we have this whole new fleet."

A hundred thousand people are expected to attend the three-day festival, which includes live music, kids' activities, and dumpling-making demonstrations.

"There's a new race every 12 minutes, so in one fleet of boats or the other there will be paddlers out on False Creek, racing down the Creek and crossing the finish line, and there are some very close finishes," Webster said.

The festival officially opens at 1 p.m. Friday with a blessing ceremony and tribute to Wong on the dock south of Science World.

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"We have a large event, we have a big site, and we have no admission charge, so lots of people love to come to the Dragon Boat Festival."

Anita Webster, Rio Tinto Alcan Dragon Boat Festival spokeswoman

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Nurse Jacey Larochelle, left, and Kevin T. walk along a street in the Downtown Eastside. Kevin says Larochelle, a member of the STOP HIV/AIDS initiative, helped him deal with the disease and turn his life around. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Initiative turns lives around for those at risk for HIV/AIDS

STOP HIV/AIDS Initiative. Program has helped give hope and treatment in Downtown Eastside since 2010

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When Kevin T. found out he was HIV positive in 2008, he knew he had to get his life in order.

"I was devastated," says Kevin, who did not want his surname used. "But I knew I had to put my foot down and not be homeless anymore."

The 42-year-old has been a resident of the Downtown Eastside for 27 years. He used to live a life of crime and was a drug addict.

But Kevin says that through the help of the STOP HIV/AIDS initiative — a four-year pilot project that launched in 2010 to expand HIV testing, treatment, and support services in Vancouver and Prince George — he was able to turn his life around.

"I didn't have a doctor," he says. "I didn't know that I needed the meds."

Hope

"(The program) saved my life."
Kevin T. Ex-addict and HIV patient

He says he had no knowledge on how to deal with his disease, until he met Jacey Larochelle, one of the nurses in the initiative's outreach team.

Kevin, who went through the program from July 2011 to March 2012, says Larochelle helped him find the right physician, got him into a housing facility and persistently reminded him to go to his medical appointments.

"(The program) saved my life," he adds. "I wasn't too focused on life before and I was homeless, but now I'm doing good.

"I have a roof over my head. I'm not doing crime whatsoever anymore. All my court cases are all done because I'm stable and off the street and I'm in the program. Everything's coming together."

Whenever he sees new people coming into the Downtown Eastside, he says he tries to warn them.

"I've seen some nasty things and I've seen some beautiful things," he says.

"I've seen people who have come down from Day 1 and I try to tell them to not get started in this circle because you'll get trapped."

He admits that every day is a challenge because temptation is just outside his house, but he says he just tries to beat it. He says other people thinking of getting their lives straight should get focused and help themselves by accessing services available to them.

"If you're an addict, use the injection sites and be safe," he says. "There are a lot of accessible services that have a focus on harm reduction, which I think is a way better thing."

Inside perspective

Rewards of helping clients

Jacey Larochelle says seeing the lives of her clients living with HIV/AIDS in the Downtown Eastside improve makes her job worthwhile.

Larochelle has been with the STOP HIV/AIDS outreach team since 2011.

The 29-year-old is one of the frontline nurses working to serve people facing multiple barriers such as addiction, mental-health issues and homelessness, on their journey dealing with the potentially deadly virus.

"We're working with a very vulnerable population with a lot of trauma and trust issues," she says. "The most important job is connecting with people and building that relationship."

Larochelle has 30 clients in her caseload and meets with 10 to 15 people a day.

Scott Harrison, director of urban health and HIV/AIDS at Providence Health Care, says nurses are the ones who put science into action and "translate it into people's lives."

"HIV care is something we do with people, not to people," he says. "Being present in the community and learning about the people that you're providing care for is essential."

Nurses monitor medication adherence, help people get on disability or social assistance, and connect people to healthcare services.

"There's just something amazing about trying to connect with a client, particularly the women," says Larochelle. "They are usually a lot harder to build relationships with." After working with someone for months, "they want to give you a hug when you leave ... You just know that you've gained their trust and you've accomplished something. That's the best part," she says.

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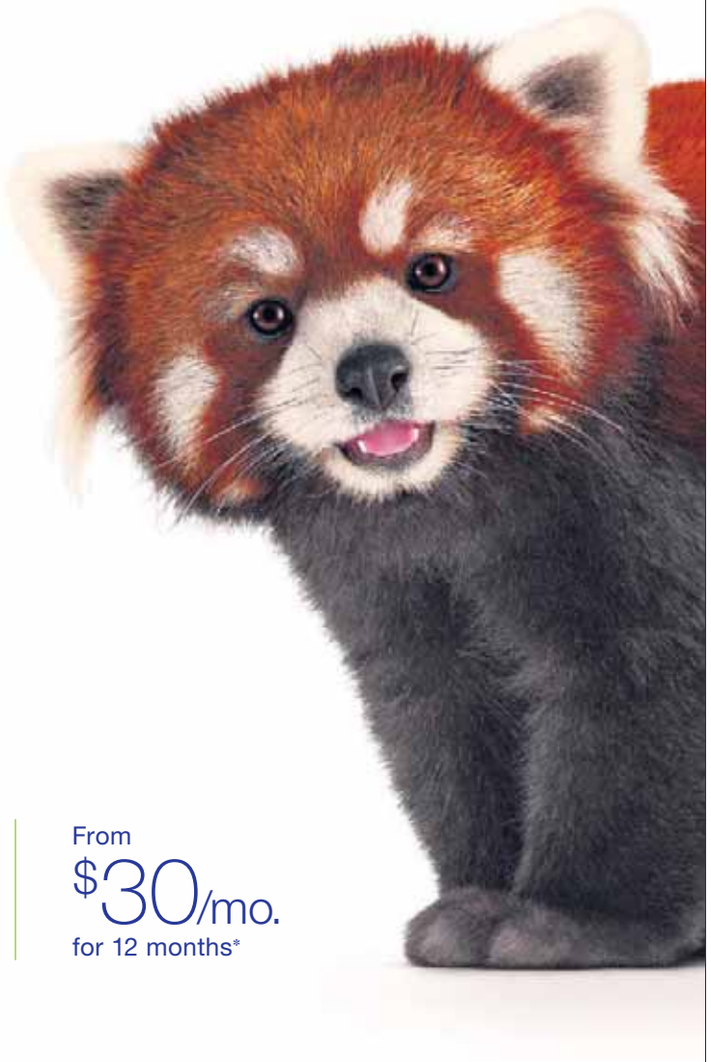

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MPs lose sleep over budget bill

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

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Conservative MP Jim Flaherty

Liberal MP Justin Trudeau

Dishevelled MPs appear in the House of Commons around the halfway point of a 24-hour voting spree on proposed amendments to the omnibus bill. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Parliament Hill.
Flaherty accused NDP of stalling as opposition got comfortable for marathon voting session

The two sleep-deprived sides of the House of Commons kept vigilant watch on each other Thursday as bleary-eyed MPs stood up and sat down over and over again, their 24-hour marathon voting session pushing past the halfway mark.

"I've got to get myself comfy — off come the shoes," said New Democrat MP Glenn Thibeault, describing one of the many ways MPs sought comfort through the 12th hour of voting on more than 800 amendments to Bill C-38.

Members of Parliament bobbed from their seats through the night and into the afternoon as they voted on 871 opposition motions that are designed to thwart, or at least publicize, the Harper government's sprawling omnibus budget-implementation bill.

The bill finally passed just after 11 p.m. on Thursday, nearly 24 hours after the session began.

The long haul seemed to have taken a toll on Finance Minister Jim Flaherty. He was waspish in his comments about the opposition's efforts to delay passage of his budget bill.

"This is not a time for gamesmanship," Flaherty said.

"This is a serious time in which we need to protect Canada and advance our economic agenda ... and we'll do whatever we have to do today and tonight and in the early hours of tomorrow morning to get the job done."

NDP House leader Nathan Cullen had tried to win unanimous consent to hold question period at the regular time, only to be shouted down from the government benches.

Flaherty was scornful of Cullen's gambit, saying the NDP wasted several hours before voting even began and were deliberately taking their time getting to their feet during each individual vote.

Cullen, meanwhile, wasn't surprised his motion for question period was shouted down.

The legislation contains a bewildering maze of changes to dozens of statutes. Critics say such omnibus bills amount to a massive abuse of Parliament.

Huge cheers from his caucus greeted NDP leader Tom Mulcair as he rose to vote on the final amendment.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper received an even more rapturous applause when he led the Conservative votes against.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Twitter

What was on the minds of some of the MPs during the marathon voting session, shared via Twitter:

@MarcGarneau
The smell of bacon is wafting into the House of Commons. I remain focused like a laser #BudgetFAIL #C38 #LPC

@MeganLeslieMP
Slipped out a few votes ago to brush my teeth. I'm a new woman! #omnibudget, watch out.

@KyleSeeback
Just got permission from the whip for an unplanned bathroom break. Let the good times roll!

@ElizabethMay
So cool to have @Sarah Harmer in the gallery to encourage the fight against #C38 #cdnpoli

@nathancullen
Min of Immigration just dumped water on the laptop of the Min of Immigration. Either tense or clumsy.

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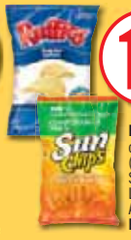

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In this 2003 photo, Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks with Lyudmila Narusova, right, widow of former St. Petersburg mayor Anatoly Sobchak, and Sobchak's daughter Ksenia, as he visited Sobchak's grave at a St. Petersburg cemetery. Ksenia has recently joined the ranks of opposition activists. ITAR-TASS/PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SERVICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Putin admin targets It Girl-turned-activist

Dramatic shift. Socialite Ksenia Sobchak was initially shunned by activists due to close personal ties to Putin

"I'm Ksenia Sobchak, and I've got something to lose. But I'm here." That's what the 30-year-old blond socialite and TV personality said when she began her unlikely foray into political activism by taking the stage at a huge anti-Putin rally in December.

It was a shaky start.

Sobchak was greeted with jeers and boos from protesters, who derided her as a rich party girl and were suspicious of her motives because of her family's close personal ties to Vladimir Putin. Six months later, Sobchak has been accepted into the ranks of Russia's protest leaders, completing a transformation that reflects the civic awakening of millions of young Russians after a decade of political passivity.

Young Internet-savvy office workers, students and members of what is known as the "creative class" form the heart of the protest movement that has drawn tens of thousands onto the streets of Moscow since a December parliamentary election was won by Putin's party with what observers said was widespread fraud.

Russian socialite and TV host Ksenia Sobchak. ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Putin has taken a tougher approach toward the opposition since returning to the presidency in May. But while hundreds of demonstrators have been detained over the past month, Sobchak found out only this week that she does indeed have something to lose. Her apartment was among the homes of protest leaders that were raided by police. They read her personal correspondence, seized her passport — and confiscated at least one million euros ($1.3 million) in cash.

It was a quick change of fortune for Russia's It Girl.

Sobchak had been considered untouchable because of Putin's enduring loyalty to her late father, who as mayor of St. Petersburg in the early 1990s gave Russia's future president his first government job and launched his political career. Putin began a third term on May 7 after four years as prime minister.

When asked about Putin, rumoured to be her godfather, Sobchak has expressed gratitude to him for taking care of her family after her father, Anatoly Sobchak, fell out of political favour. She has been restrained in her criticism of Putin himself, while at the same time calling for more open government, fair elections and an end to the corruption that pervades Russian society. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Opposition

A glance at the activists

Ahead of an anti-Putin rally Tuesday, Russian investigators searched homes of several key opposition figures and summoned them for questioning. Here is a look at some of those leading the protests.

ALEXEI NAVALNY

The 36-year-old corruption-fighting lawyer and popular blogger has played a key role in mobilizing Russia's young to rally against Putin's rule. The charismatic and ambitious Navalny spearheaded a series of rallies in Moscow during the winter that brought up to 100,000 people into the streets in the run-up to March's vote. He reaches tens of thousands through his blog and has more than 250,000 followers on Twitter. Navalny has tapped into people's anger over the corruption that pervades public life.

SERGEI UDALTSOV

The leader of the Left Front opposition movement, 35-year-old Udaltsov has been at the forefront of anti-Putin protests for several years. A great-grandson of a Bolshevik revolutionary, Udaltsov has consistently defied the authorities, staging unsanctioned marches and rallies. He also launched numerous hunger strikes and spent weeks in hospitals. During his political career, Udaltsov was arrested more than 100 times and spent months in prison.

ILYA YASHIN

The 28-year-old member of the leadership of the opposition Solidarity movement has been among key organizers of recent protests. A fiery speaker, Yashin is a passionate critic of the government. "A smart government deals with reasons for protest. A stupid government fights protesters," he said on his blog. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia. Official accused of death threat

Russia's top investigator denied Thursday that he threatened to kill an investigative reporter over a story that lambasted his agency, but apologized for an "emotional outburst" with the journalist.

Novaya Gazeta, Russia's leading investigative publication, claimed Wednesday that Investigative Committee chief Gen.-Col. Alexander Bastrykin took reporter Sergei Sokolov to a forest outside Moscow where he threatened to kill him and then joked that he would lead the investigation into his death.

The alleged June 4 incident followed Sokolov's story that accused Bastrykin's agency of failing to punish the perpetrator of a 2010 killing of 12 people, including four children, by a gang in southern Russia.

Bastrykin said he had invited the journalist to meet the team that investigated the 2010 killings — and then had a "very emotional conversation" with him. But the conversation did not take place in a forest, he insisted. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Secret files kept by Boy Scouts ordered released

Scouts tried to keep them private. Court in the U.S. says use of the files in a molestation suit makes them part of the public record

A court in the U.S. has approved the release of so-called "perversion files" compiled by the Boy Scouts of America on suspected child molesters within the organization over two decades.

This will give the public its first chance to review the files on 1,200 people.

The files gathered from 1965 to 1985 came to light when they were used as evidence in a landmark Oregon ruling in 2010 that the Scouts had failed to protect a plaintiff who had been molested by an assistant scoutmaster in the early 1980s.

The Scouts were ordered to pay the man $18.5 million US.

The case drew attention to the organization's efforts to keep child molesters out of its leadership ranks.

In recent years, the Boy Scouts have faced numerous lawsuits from men who say they were molested as children by scout leaders.

The Boy Scouts fought to keep the files sealed, arguing that opening them could unfairly affect those who were suspected but never convicted of abuse.

Media organizations challenged the Scouts' efforts to keep the files under seal, arguing that their introduction by attorneys in the suit makes them public record. A judge agreed.

The files are part of a larger trove of documents the Boy Scouts began compiling several decades ago on people flagged as possible molesters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Perversion files'

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The 20,000-page files contain accusations against scout leaders that ranged from child abuse to lesser offences.

An American court has approved the release of 20,000 pages of files compiled by the Boy Scouts of America over 20 years. DON RYAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ottawa. Mom of suspected pimp fears daughter's death

JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Ottawa

The mother of a 17-year-old pimping suspect Ottawa police are searching for says she is also trying to find her daughter, who she fears has been killed.

"Either she went into hiding or she has been killed. That is what I want to know. Where is my daughter? Are the police of Ottawa doing their job?" the woman said when reached by phone Thursday.

Police allege the woman's daughter and two 15-year-olds forced three teen girls into prostitution. The 15-year-olds are in custody facing serious charges including assault and human trafficking.

Police have not yet released the 17-year-old's name to the public, though under the Youth Criminal Justice Act they may apply for permission to temporarily release her name in order to find her.

"If the police were doing their job they would have found where my daughter is," the woman said. "She is just a child.

"What does she eat? Where does she sleep?" she asked. "(Name withheld) is a little girl. I lost my little girl. She is a nice girl. She is not mentally ill. She is not a crackhead."

The woman said her daughter "hasn't done anything" but is being "blamed" by the police.

The woman, who cannot be named, suggested Quebec police are also searching for her daughter and said they are doing a better job.

"F— you for the police. F— you for the journalist," she said.

Raids

Suspected British pedophiles nabbed

British police raided homes and properties of dozens of suspected pedophiles — including a retired teacher and a scout leader. Cops executed 141 warrants for offences relating to the possession and distribution of indecent images of children. Also among those arrested were a referee, a pathologist and a firefighter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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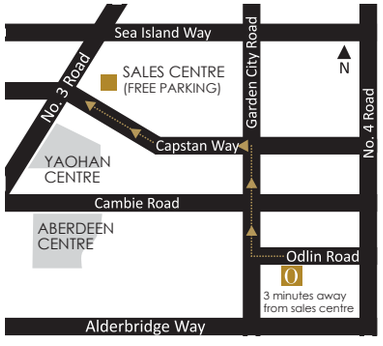

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Egyptian court dissolves parliament, concentrates generals' grip on power

An Egyptian boy peers out of barbed wire, his face painted with the number 25, the date of the Egyptian revolution, during a protest in front of the Supreme Constitutional Court in Cairo, Egypt, on Thursday. Egypt's highest court has ruled that Hosni Mubarak's last prime minister can stay in the presidential race.
AMR NABIL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Presidential runoff.
Rulings are a 'full-fledged coup': Islamic Brotherhood member

Judges appointed by Hosni Mubarak dissolved Egypt's Islamist-dominated parliament Thursday and ruled his former prime minister eligible for the presidential runoff election this weekend — setting the stage for the military and remnants of the old regime to stay in power.

The politically charged rulings dealt a heavy blow to the fundamentalist Islamic Brotherhood, with one senior member calling the decisions a "full-fledged coup," and the group vowed to rally the public against the military.

The decision by the Supreme Constitutional Court effectively erased the tenuous progress from Egypt's troubled transition in the past year, leaving the country with no parliament and concentrating power even more firmly in the hands of the generals who took over from Mubarak.

Several hundred people gathered in Cairo's Tahrir Square after the rulings to denounce the action and rally against former Prime Minister Ahmed Shafiq, the presidential candidate seen by critics as a symbol of Mubarak's autocratic rule. But with no calls by the Brotherhood or other groups for massive demonstrations, the crowd did not grow.
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Military might

- Activists who engineered Egypt's uprising have long suspected the generals would try to cling to power, explaining that after 60 years as the nation's single most dominant institution, the military would be reluctant to surrender its authority or leave its economic empire to civilian scrutiny.

Rising religious tension

Tunis bans marches over possible violence

The Tunisian government has banned a series of marches planned for this Friday by hardline Islamists and rival groups citing concerns of possible violence in the country, which is grappling with rising religious tension as it struggles to emerge from years of secular dictatorship. The announcement by the Interior Ministry came as Tunisians are still reeling from clashes earlier this week between police and religious youth after protests erupted over an art exhibit that hardline Islamists alleged was blasphemous. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Observers in Syria confirm fears of major government offensive

Smouldering buildings, looted shops, smashed cars and a strong stench of death greeted UN observers who entered the nearly deserted Syrian town of Haffa on Thursday, a day after President Bashar Assad's forces overran it as part of a major offensive to recover rebel-controlled territories.

The observers had been trying to get into the town for a week after fears were raised that a brutal assault by regime forces was under way. They found the main hospital burned, state buildings and an office of the ruling Baath party in ruins and a corpse lying in the street.

"A strong stench of dead bodies was in the air," said Sausan Ghosheh, spokeswoman for the UN observers. She said there was still fighting in some pockets of the mountainous town in the seaside province of Latakia.

The number of casualties was unclear, Ghosheh said, and it appeared likely that, as in the past, bodies had been removed or buried before the UN mission got in.

The fighting, now mostly quelled in Haffa, was mirrored in other parts of Syria, where more than 40 civilians and opposition fighters were killed Thursday, according to activists, alongside more than a half-dozen Syrian forces.

From the day's early hours, Syrian troops bombarded rebel-held areas with tanks, mortars and helicopters in the central town of Rastan, the Damascus suburb of Douma, the central city of Homs and the northern towns of Anadan and Hreitan, near the Turkish border, the activists said.

They said the fighting included clashes in the town of Hamuriya, near Damascus, that killed at least nine men who were allegedly butchered with knives. A video circulated by activists showed a pile of lifeless men, including one who was clearly slashed through the neck.

UN observers have reported a steep rise in violence and a dangerous shift in tactics by both sides in Syria in recent weeks. Car bombs and suicide bombings have become increasingly common as the 15-month uprising against Assad becomes militarized. Most have targeted security buildings and police buses, symbols of Assad's regime. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A boy shows the remains of a rocket he said hit his family's home earlier in the day, near Idlib, Syria, on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Government vs. rebels

- A military expert said it was unlikely Assad's forces would be able to defeat the insurgency. "Rebels are not seeking to hold ground, but to confuse, exhaust and bleed out army forces by attacking them in different areas simultaneously," said Elias Hanna, a retired Lebanese army general.
- He said the army's response — typical of conventional forces — was to heavily shell the rebels' urban hideouts, which "creates more opposition against the regime, because it inflicts heavy civilian casualties, and damages and destroys their communities."

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Battered woman defence could include hiring hit-men

Supreme Court. 2008 Nova Scotia case could reshape defence for abused spouses

Nicole Ryan had just been arrested and locked up for trying to hire a hit man to kill her abusive husband — and she couldn't believe her good fortune.

Caught by an undercover RCMP officer in March 2008, Ryan was subjected to a court-ordered psychiatric assessment at the Nova Scotia Hospital. Her young daughter was in protective custody and safe from her father — a man who had threatened to kill them both.

"I felt very safe ... I could almost say that I was treated like a queen," she recalled at her trial, where she was ultimately acquitted of counselling to commit murder.

"I asked the doctor if I could stay longer, but I was not permitted to stay longer. I got the chance and the opportunity to ... to breathe, to calm down ... and find Nicole."

On Thursday, the Supreme Court of Canada embarked on its own formidable search: determining whether the battered woman's defence should be expanded to include the hiring of a hit man to kill an abusive spouse.

The Supreme Court heard arguments in the emotionally charged case, and when it issues a ruling — possibly as early as this fall — it could reshape the landmark defence for abused women that it already established in a 1990 decision.

The Nova Scotia Court of Appeal upheld Ryan's acquittal in 2010.

A full panel of nine Supreme Court justices heard competing arguments over the merits of two different criminal law defences at play in Ryan's case that can allow an accused person to be acquitted of a crime — that they acted in self-defence or that they were acting under duress.

Nova Scotia prosecutor William Delaney argued that Ryan's particular circumstances meant she wasn't entitled to either of those defences.

Delaney contended that Ryan was not in imminent danger because she had moved in with relatives and was in the process of getting a divorce.

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Courtroom drama

Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin had a sharp exchange with prosecutor William Delaney over whether the facts of Ryan's case could be adapted to fit the Criminal Code definition of self-defence, under which the battered woman's defence falls.

- "Why is it not open to us to say self-defence was available, take the findings of fact of the trial judge, apply the law to those findings of fact and give the remedy accordingly?'' McLachlin said in response to Delaney's doubts.
- "Those findings of fact came out in a trial in which a different defence was relied upon," he replied.

A lesson in peaceful demonstration

Adam Boutlidja, left, a student at Cavelier-De LaSalle High School plays the guitar alongside fellow students outside the school Thursday in Montreal, to support a teacher that had been suspended for showing high-school students the infamous video that shows a killing allegedly committed by Luka Rocco Magnotta. The teacher has since been fired. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Charest says he's 'had enough'

Premier Jean Charest is angry at organizers of a Fête nationale party, whom he accuses of ruining the spirit of Quebec's June 24 holiday with an irresponsible programming choice.

He's upset they have invited a rock band whose lyrics make insulting or threatening references to certain politicians, namely those who tend to be more conservative.

It's the same anarchist rock band whose promotional art shows a likeness of the premier dead, at the feet of Quebec solidaire politician Amir Khadir.

The premier says he's had enough.

He says in the last few months, during the student protests, too many people in Quebec have been trivializing violence, and it's becoming disturbing.

"We've been seeing a phenomenon in Quebec for a few months that is sad and troubling," Charest told reporters Thursday in Quebec City.

He said the June 24 Fete nationale belongs to all Quebecers and shouldn't carry political overtones that pit one Quebecer against another.

The event frequently does get infused with politics, as artists performing at the event and its hosts often show their pro-independence stripes.

This year, the band Mise En Demeure was invited to the Quebec City party on the Plains of Abraham. The band has reportedly pulled out of the event amid the controversy, and is expected to address the media later Thursday.

The band has sung about stabbing a university rector and slugging the provincial education minister, Michelle Courchesne, in the face with a sledgehammer. It has also recorded a song suggesting, in crude language, that Prime Minister Stephen Harper's mother regrets having conceived him.

The band's promotional art includes pictures of certain personalities with their heads severed and mounted on a wall, like hunted game.

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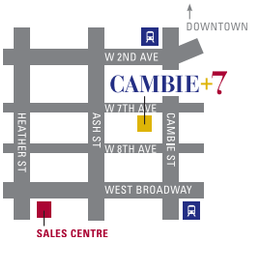

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Raising children. The cost decreases as families have more children

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A U.S. government report released Thursday found that a middle-income family with a child born last year will spend about that much in child-related expenses from birth through age 17.

That's a 3.5 per cent increase from 2010.

The report from the United States Agriculture Department's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion said housing is the single largest expense, averaging about $70,500, or 30 per cent of the total cost.

Families living in the American urban Northeast tend to have the highest child-rearing expenses, followed by those in the urban West and the urban Midwest.

Those living in the urban South and rural areas face the lowest costs.

The estimate also includes the cost of transportation, child care, education, food, clothing, health care and miscellaneous expenses.

The USDA has issued the report every year since 1960, when it estimated the cost of raising a child was just over $25,000 for middle-income families.

That would be $191,720 today when adjusted for inflation.

Housing was also the largest expense in raising a child back in 1960.

But the cost of child care for young children — negligible 50 years ago — is now the second largest expense as more moms work outside the home.

The report considers middle-income parents to be those with an income between $59,400 and $102,870.

It says families that earn more can expect to spend more on their children.

The cost per child decreases as a family has more children.

The report found that families with three or more children spend 22 per cent less per child than those with two children.

The savings result from hand-me-down clothes and toys, shared bedrooms and buying food in larger quantities. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Japan. Doomsday cult leader's former bodyguard arrested

Japanese police Friday arrested the last fugitive suspected in a doomsday cult's deadly nerve gas attack on Tokyo subways 17 years ago.

The cult leader's former bodyguard, who was finally tracked down at a comic-book cafe.

Katsuya Takahashi, 54, a former member of Aum Shinrikyo cult, was arrested on suspicion of murder, a Tokyo police spokeswoman said on condition of anonymity, citing department rules.

An employee at the downtown Tokyo cafe had recognized him and called police, she said.

Takahashi admitted who he was when approached by the police at the cafe.

His trail had been cold for years, but it heated up after another fugitive from the cult was arrested June 3.

Thousands of officers had been hunting for him across the capital, handing out fresh photos of the suspect and monitoring transportation hubs to keep him from escaping. Takahashi was on Japan's most wanted list.

TV showed a huge crowd outside the cafe, trying to catch a glimpse of Takahashi. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sanctions lifted. Coke to start selling its soft drinks in Myanmar

The Coca-Cola Co. plans to start selling its drinks in Myanmar for the first time in 60 years, following the U.S. government's decision to suspend sanctions on the country for its democratic reforms.

Myanmar is one of three countries where Coca-Cola doesn't do business.

The other two are Cuba and North Korea.

The world's biggest soft drink maker said Thursday it will start doing business in the country as soon as the U.S. government issues a license allowing American companies to make such investments.

The U.S. announced last month that it was suspending restrictions on American investments in the Southeast Asian country, which is still easing toward democracy. Until last year, Myanmar had been led by an oppressive military junta.

Coca-Cola said its products will initially be imported from neighbouring countries as it establishes local operations in Myanmar; the company notes that it is has a history of being the among the first to enter or re-enter markets. In 1949,

Coca-Cola and other foreign companies were expelled from China. After relations were established again in 1979, Coke was back. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cokeless lands? Only two

As part of its push in Myanmar, Coca-Cola said it is donating $3 million to support job creation for women in the country. The company will work with PACT, a non-governmental group that supports economic and health initiatives in developing nations.

- Coke says Cuba was one of the first countries where it did business, opening operations in the nation in 1906. But after the Cuban Revolution the company exited, in 1960.
- Coke has never operated in North Korea; Coke products there or in Cuba are from third parties.

Ganga bows to Buddha statue in Colombo

A seven-year old female elephant, Ganga, owned by a Buddhist temple, is prompted to bow down to Buddha's statue at a temple in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Tame elephants traditionally have an important role in the Island's Buddhist customs and are considered a status symbol. Colourfully decorated, they are used to carry sacred relics in annual Buddhist processions.

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Meeting four friends

Cybercrime and national security chat Friday

The marathon voting session on the government's budget bill forced Justice Minister Rob Nicholson to scrub a meeting with his American counterpart. Nicholson was unable to take part in a bilateral meeting Thursday with U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder. He was needed to help the government vote down a series of opposition amendments.
He plans to meet Holder and representatives of three other allies Friday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Child survival action

The Clinton-Affleck agenda

What do Hollywood star Ben Affleck and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton have in common? Both think every child in the world deserves a fifth birthday. They attended a conference on child mortality on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Video purports to show police kidnapping murder victims

Mexico. Gunmen with officers could belong to the Jalisco New Generation drug gang: Investigators

There it was on video: Five heavily armed policemen barge into a hotel in Lagos de Moreno, western Mexico, before dawn on Jan. 20 and march out with three handcuffed men in underwear.

But police weren't making an arrest. Prosecutors say they apparently were taking orders from criminals. Just hours after the three were seized, they were found asphyxiated and beaten to death.

Mexicans have become inured to lurid tales of police collaboration with narcotics gangs during 5 1/2 years of a drug war that has cost more than 47,500 lives. But seldom can they actually see it occur, and the video broadcast on national television was a shocker.

"One assumes that in some cities ... the municipal police work for the drug cartels," said Jorge Chabat, an expert on security and drug trafficking at the Center for Economic Research and Teaching. "But what is different here is that there is a video. It's not the same thing to imagine that this (is) going on, and to see it."

The officers were not detained until June 6 and they still have not been formally charged with any crime. "It took time to obtain the video tapes, to do the investigation, and to get the arrest warrants," said Jalisco state prosecutor's spokesman Lino Gonzalez said Thursday.

The release of the dramatic images comes less than three weeks before national and state elections in which security is a major issue. Critics accuse President Felipe Calderon of setting off a bloodbath with his strategy against gangs, while his party's presidential candidate, Josefina Vazquez, has suggested her opponents are ready to compromise with the cartels.

The victims were from Coahuila state, where the hyperviolent Zetas cartel has been battling the Sinaloa cartel, allies of the Jalisco Nueva Generacion gang. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rare footage

- **Outside hotel.** Police truck pulls up to the hotel, followed by a pickup carrying four armed men.
- **List.** A policeman retrieves what looks like a list from the truck and enters hotel with other officers.
- **Kidnapping.** Victims are trotted out of the hotel; police watch as their luggage and vehicle are stolen.
- **Exit.** Police truck carrying victims follows gunmen as they drive away in the pickup and stolen vehicle.

In this frame grab taken from video filmed by a surveillance camera on Jan 20, 2012, and released by the Jalisco state prosecutor's office on Thursday, three men walk away from a hotel in their underwear with their hands tied behind their backs and some blindfolded. They are being led by men dressed in police uniforms toward police vehicles in Lagos de Moreno, Mexico. The men later were found asphyxiated and beaten to death.

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Air India bombing. Reyat to appeal record perjury sentence of nine years

An Air India bomber who received Canada's longest perjury sentence is appealing the conviction in a Vancouver court.

Inderjit Singh Reyat was handed a nine-year prison sentence last year for lying repeatedly at the 2003 trial of two men charged with mass murder and conspiracy.

Reyat was a Crown witness at the trial of Ripudaman Singh Malik and Ajaib Singh Bagri, who were acquitted in the biggest case of aviation terrorism before the 9-11 attacks.

Reyat's testimony was part of a deal that saw him plead guilty to manslaughter in the deaths of 329 people aboard Air India Flight 182 in 1985.

He'd already served a 10-year sentence for the same-day deaths of two Tokyo baggage handlers who were killed when a bomb-laden suitcase meant for another Air India plane exploded prematurely. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Disaster

Air India Flight 182 was allegedly bombed by Sikh rebels on June 23, 1985, killing 329 people on board

- **One conviction:** Despite a $130 million investigation and trial, Inderjit Singh Reyat was the only person convicted.

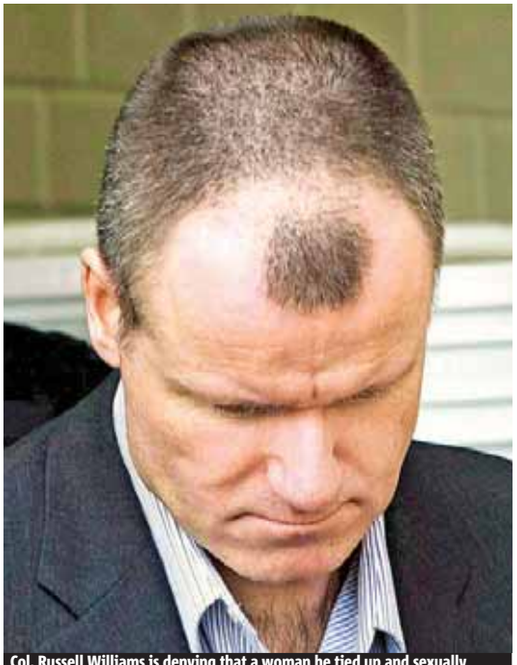
Killer judge

Delisle guilty of 1st-degree murder

Jacques Delisle, believed to be the first Canadian judge to ever stand trial for murder, was found guilty of in the first-degree killing of his invalid wife.

Now that a jury has found that he shot his wife, Marie-Nicole Rainville, in the head with a pistol the 77-year-old retired judge will automatically receive the sternest possible sentence in the Criminal Code: life in prison, with no possibility of parole for 25 years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Victim suing sex killer Russell Williams, Ontario



Col. Russell Williams is denying that a woman he tied up and sexually assaulted is entitled to compensation. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Seeks compensation.

Victim Massicotte claims attack left her and daughters fearful, humiliated, depressed and even suicidal

Convicted murderer Russell Williams is denying that a woman he tied up and sexually assaulted is entitled to compensation from him for pain and suffering.

In a statement of defence to a lawsuit launched by Laurie Massicotte in Belleville, Ont., Williams says she will have to prove her claims in court.

And he wants her to pay for his bills to fight her lawsuit.

Massicotte, who has chosen to reveal her identity and speak about her ordeal, filed a nearly $7 million lawsuit in September against Williams.

The attack left her fearful, humiliated, depressed, suicidal, unable to function in society and she will require extensive therapy, Massicotte said in her statement of claim.

Williams broke into her house on Sept. 29, 2009, hit her over the head, tied her up, sexually assaulted her and took pornographic pictures, according to Massicotte.

The former colonel pleaded guilty to the attack on Massicotte, admitting to those facts in court in October 2010.

For the purposes of the lawsuit Williams' statement of defence challenges Massicotte to a burden of "strict proof" of her claims about the attack and resulting anguish. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hardly open and shut

Both parties named in Massicotte's suit are launching their defences

- **Williams' defence team** maintains Massicotte must prove she's suffering as a direct result of his attack
- **The province** claims it did not have a duty to warn Massicotte of Williams' series of break ins

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Killer's mental state likened to 'New Napoleon' delusions

Norway massacre.
Breivik's sanity is key to the case, and is still an unresolved issue

The psychiatrists who have faced intense criticism for deeming Anders Behring Breivik — the self-confessed killer of 77 people in Norway last year — too mentally unfit to go to prison defended their stance Thursday, calling him delusional.

Torgeir Husby and Synne Soerheim, who concluded that Breivik suffers from paranoid schizophrenia, stuck to their findings when presenting their 239-page report on the right-wing extremist's mental health to the court. They insisted he is driven by delusions rather than political conviction, saying he resembled people who believe they are the new Napoleon.

"One doesn't go collecting expertise in historical facts if a new Napoleon is admitted (to a clinic), not even if he arrives in full uniform," Husby said.

Their report came under fire for lacking knowledge of right-wing terminology and for interpreting Breivik's political explanations for his rampage as symptoms of schizophrenia. The court then ordered a second evaluation by other psychiatrists, who came to the opposite conclusion, deeming him sufficiently mentally competent to go to prison.

Breivik's sanity is key to the case and is still an unresolved issue. If found guilty and sane, the 33-year-old Norwegian would face 21 years in prison, although he could be held even longer if deemed a danger to society. If declared insane, he would be committed to compulsory psychiatric care.

To back up their claims, Soerheim spent much of the day reading out their findings, including statements made by Breivik's mother, who claimed that as much as "half of what he's told police is a lie." According to his mother, he has fabricated information about both his travels and his education.

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Anders Behring Breivik HEIKO JUNGE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Good vs. evil

"He thinks he is going to save us all from perdition in a battle between good and evil. In this battle, he thinks he has overarching responsibility, a call, to decide who lives and who dies."
Synne Soerheim, a psychiatrist who has deemed Breivik insane

South Africa murder

Brutal killing was a hate crime: Activists

A young gay man was killed and his body mutilated in South Africa, according to a gay rights group that on Thursday called the killing a hate crime.

Thapelo Makutle was found with his throat cut Saturday morning in a room he rented in Kuruman, a town in northwestern South Africa, police said in a statement. The motive of his death is unknown and the case is being investigated as a murder, police said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bad weather in India

12 kids among dead workers

A cargo truck carrying workers and their families overturned on a slippery road Thursday after overnight rains in western India, killing 24 people and injuring another 17, police said.

The workers had hitched a ride aboard the truck, police officer Bharat Bhai said. The dead included 12 children.

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Families devastated after India's steel-plant explosion

An unidentified relative of an injured steel plant employee is consoled by another outside a hospital in Visakhapatnam, India. An explosion in the state-owned plant in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh has killed at least 11 people, while 16 other workers suffered serious burns both from the blast and a massive fire that broke out late Wednesday.

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Bank of Canada warning of fallout from EU crisis

A nation exposed. Federal regulatory body puts Canadians on alert over instability created by inflated real-estate values, household debt

The Bank of Canada continues to warn that the high level of household debt and overvalued real estate in this country have left the economy vulnerable if a financial shock erupts in Europe.

In its financial system review identifying risks to the economy, the bank noted certain segments of the housing market that have a persistent oversupply — such as condos in Toronto — face a higher risk of a price correction.

Using a hypothetical stress test, the bank says a three-percent increase in unemployment — about the same as occurred in the recent recession — would almost triple the proportion of indebted households that would go into arrears.

The current rate is currently about half a per cent and could rise 1.3 per cent under that scenario.

A shock would also cut into net worth of Canadians. The bank points out that 40 per cent of household worth is tied to the value of their real estate holdings, compared to only 34 per cent a decade ago.

"Markets in Canada have been relatively stable ... nevertheless, a further significant deterioration in global financial conditions could have a considerable impact in Canada through trade, financial and confidence channels," the bank said Thursday its semi-annual financial systems review.

In fact, the bank says the spillover effects on Canada's financial institutions, such as banks, "would be substantial."

While the report does not attempt to place odds on the chance of a Europe-centred shock, it judges the risks as "very high."

The dire warning — not altogether unexpected from the central bank given renewed turbulence in Europe, including a possibility that Greece will exit the euro currency zone after Sunday's elections — gives some urgency to the G20 summit of leaders in Mexico next week, where Europe will be the main topic.

In Ottawa on Thursday, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said non-European countries in the G20 need to keep up the pressure on the Europeans to put up sufficient money to "overwhelm" the problem.

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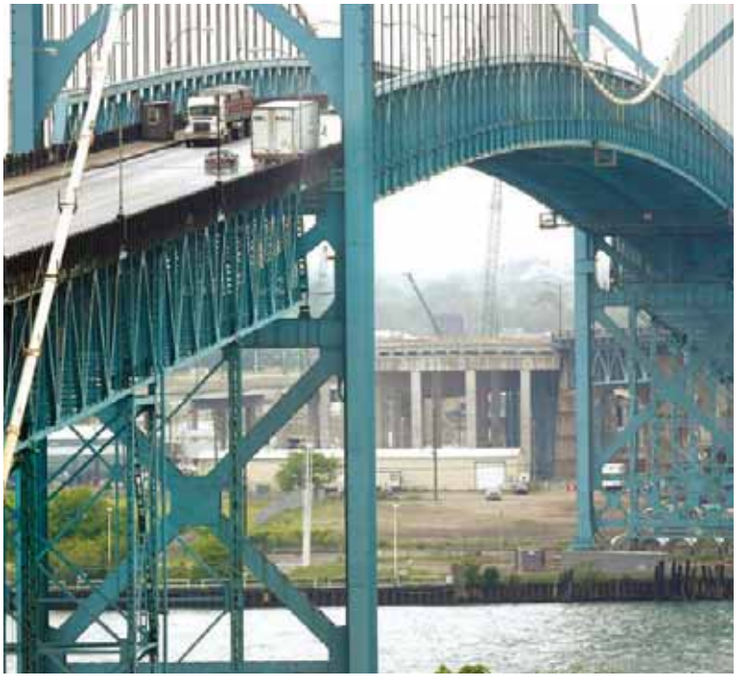
The ripple effect

The central bank concluded that the risks of a European financial meltdown could ripple around the world.

- **Diminished growth.** Rock-bottom interest rates would further erode the positions of life insurance companies and pension plans and boost household borrowing.
- **A negative feedback loop.** What the central bank is describing is a scenario almost identical to what happened in 2008 when the world was plunged into the worst downturn since the Great Depression.



A time for building bridges in Windsor?

Vehicles cross the Ambassador Bridge as viewed from Windsor, Ont., in this file photo. Prime Minister Stephen Harper will be in Windsor and across the river in Detroit on Friday amid speculation he will help announce a new bridge between the two border cities. About one-quarter of all Canada-U.S. trade currently flows across the Ambassador Bridge. But the bridge is close to a century old and bottlenecks are not uncommon. The Ontario Trucking Association is among the groups that have been eagerly awaiting the announcement of a second bridge. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

San Francisco treat

Bombardier gets $1.6B rail car order

Bombardier Transportation has signed a deal worth up to $1.6 billion to supply San Francisco with new rail cars, the latest in a string of major U.S. contracts.

The Berlin-based subsidiary of Montreal's Bombardier Inc. said Thursday it has signed an initial deal with San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District for 260 new rail cars worth close to $647 million.

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Downsized. Nokia shares plunge after mass layoffs

Nokia shares plunged more than 15 per cent Thursday after the Finnish cellphone maker said it would slash 10,000 jobs and close a number of operations, including one in Canada, amid fierce competition in the industry.

The Finnish cellphone maker also announced personnel changes and said it has agreed to sell its luxury phone brand, Vertu.

The measures, aimed at additional cost savings of $1.6 billion US by the end of next year, will shut down research and development facilities in Ulm, Germany, and Burnaby, B.C., among others

The company's share price plunged more than 7 per cent to $2.69 US in morning trading in Helsinki. The loss-making company has been struggling against fierce competition from Apple Inc.'s iPhone and other makers using Google Inc.'s popular Android software.

In April, Nokia announced one of its worst quarterly results ever, blaming tough competition for a $929-million-US net loss in the first quarter as smartphone sales plunged.

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The hot seat. British PM goes on the defensive at phone-hacking inquiry

A confident and unruffled Prime Minister David Cameron on Thursday defended his ill-fated decision to make disgraced tabloid editor Andy Coulson his communications director, even though the news executive had already been tarnished in Britain's phone-hacking scandal.

The leader also defended the conduct of Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt and the decision to put him in charge of judging Rupert Murdoch's controversial bid to take full control of the lucrative BSkyB broadcasting company. Hunt has been accused by critics of being too close to the media mogul and his company, News Corp.

Cameron shed light on the cozy relationship he enjoyed with senior Murdoch executives as he tried to wrest control of Britain's government from the Labour Party before the 2010 general election that brought him to power.

In sworn testimony before a U.K. media ethics inquiry, Cameron said he chose Coulson for the key communications post because he wanted a tough man to implement his media strategy in a demanding, 24/7 news environment.

Cameron said he had received assurances that Coulson was not personally involved in the phone-hacking scandal — but those proved hollow when Coulson was forced to resign from his senior government post last year after new revelations about widespread wrongdoing while he was top editor at the News of the World.

Cameron also admitted seeking the advice of Rebekah Brooks, another former tabloid editor facing criminal charges, before hiring Coulson.

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RIM pays former co-CEOs $12M

Research in Motion. BlackBerry maker giving ex-leader Jim Balsillie $8M and Mike Lazaridis, who remains on the RIM board, $4M

The former co-CEOs of BlackBerry-maker Research in Motion will receive a combined $12 million in payouts for leaving their roles at the struggling company.

In a document filed with securities regulators on Thursday, ahead of the company's annual meeting in July, RIM outlined the details of what each former executive receives.

Jim Balsillie will be paid nearly $8 million in salary and other compensation after stepping down as leader in January and leaving the company two months later.

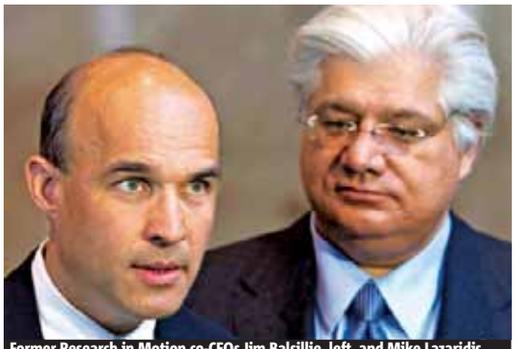
Mike Lazaridis, who remains a member of the board, will be paid about $4 million in salary and compensation under the condition that he will "continue to make himself reasonably available" to help the company in the future.

The deal also gives Lazaridis his own office, executive assistant, as well as a car and driver for two years, at a combined value of about $733,000.

RIM says in the filings that Balsillie and Lazaridis "revolutionized the worldwide wireless industry with the introduction of the BlackBerry and forever changed how the world communicates."

The company has seen its stock plummet and its financial results significantly weaken in the face of intense competition from the rival Apple iPhone and devices using Google's Android operating system.

In January, RIM promoted Thorsten Heins to the leadership role, a position that is earning him $10.2 million for the company's 2012 financial year. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Former Research in Motion co-CEOs Jim Balsillie, left, and Mike Lazaridis talk to media after an Ontario Securities Commission hearing in Toronto in 2009. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

.com. Big brands targeting domain-name suffixes

Amazon.com wants ".joy," Google wants ".love" and L'Oreal wants ".beauty."

Big brands are behind hundreds of proposals for new Internet addresses, including scores for generic terms such as "cruise," ".kids" and ".tires."

If approved, Amazon could use ".author" in an attempt to dominate online bookselling, while Google could use ".love" to collect registration fees from its rivals. Amazon and Google also are vying for ".app" and ".music," while the wine company Gallo Vineyards Inc. wants ".barefoot."

It's all part of the largest expansion of the Internet address system since its creation in the 1980s, a process likely to cause headaches for some companies while creating vast opportunities for others.

The organization in charge of Internet addresses, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, announced the proposals for Internet suffixes Wednesday. A suffix is the ".com" part in a domain name.

The bids now go through a review that could take months or years. Up to 1,000 suffixes could be added each year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The numbers

1,409

There were 1,930 proposals for 1,409 different suffixes. About 100 were for suffixes in non-English characters, including Chinese, Arabic and Thai.

$7B Ponzi scheme

Ex-Texas tycoon sentenced to 110 years in prison

Former jet-setting Texas tycoon R. Allen Stanford, whose financial empire once spanned the Americas, was sentenced Thursday to 110 years in prison for bilking investors out of more than $7 billion US over 20 years in one of the largest Ponzi schemes in U.S. history.

Prosecutors had asked that Stanford be sentenced to 230 years in prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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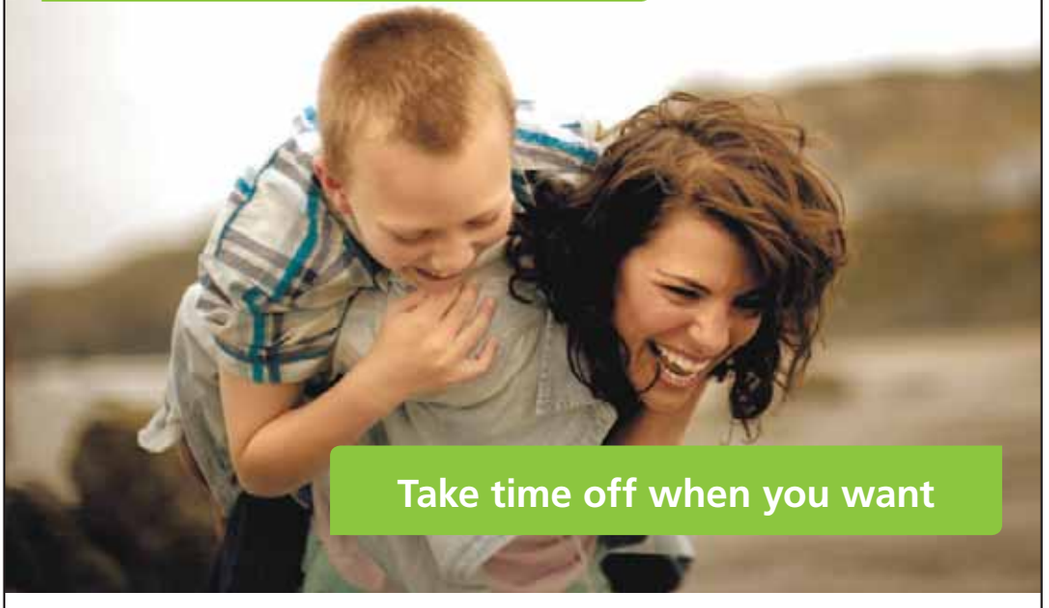

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1 **Buyer beware:** Céline Dion's 19-acre Île Gagnon retreat is the most expensive property ever listed on the Quebec housing market. The Normandy-style château is listed at almost $30 million, but rumour has it they may trade it straight up for Spain.

2 **Not cool:** Last weekend, an Ontario couple allegedly left their dog in a car with no water in 30 C heat. The dog died, and the owners face a $2,000 fine, six months of jail time, or 18 hours in a sauna.

3 **Tall tales:** Friday, Nik Wallenda will attempt to cross the Niagara Gorge on a tightrope. Offspring of the legendary Flying Wallendas have been bred into death-defying feats for almost two centuries. Despite meticulous training, several have actually been killed or left disabled performing these acts. Someone in my family tripped on their shoelace in 1978, and the rest of us have been wearing loafers ever since. Just sayin'.

4 **Set your PVRs:** CBC's newest reality show will feature auditions to play Dorothy in Andrew Lloyd Webber's production of The Wizard of Oz, which hits Toronto's Ed Mirvish Theatre in December. Girls will compete for a chance to wear the ruby slippers on the cleverly entitled Over the Rainbow, where they will sing (you guessed it) Over the Rainbow. Another innovative gem from our federally funded friends at the CBC.

5 **Dallas:** TNT's revival of one of the most popular '80s shows is a success. With a good-looking new cast and a few originals, there probably won't be a "Who shot J.R.?" cliffhanger this time around. A more likely ending would be "Who slipped J.R. a Viagra?"

6 **Papillon:** A study at Yale University recently revealed that female butterflies preferred males with flashier wings. Erica Westerman, the study's lead author, says, "The male did not have to court them or engage in flashy behaviour. There is a bias in what females learn.... Extra ornamentation is better." Is this a metaphor?

7 **Rock of Ages:** The star-studded film version of the successful play debuts Friday. A safe choice for viewers who enjoy a good soundtrack. As I said two years ago when the play opened, you can expect your "run-of-the-mill, guitar-grinding, drum-thumping, head-banging, cross-gender, glam-metal, '80s rebel-rock." Who among us can't relate to that?

8 **Righteous rockers:** This week in 1964, the Rolling Stones were touring in the U.S. when they were reminded of a show that had been booked a year earlier. The band had to fly back to the U.K. to perform at Oxford's Magdalen College for £100 ($160). Despite increased rates and demand, the gentlemen honoured their obligation. Airfare cost them £2,500 ($4,000).

9 **Three words:** This weekend we pay homage to the men that raised us, taught us right from wrong, picked us up when we fell and snuck us a treat when mom said "No." Some left abruptly and some suffered far too long, but if your dad is around today, pick up the phone and tell him you love him, or head on over and give him a hug. It's better than a tie or that awful cologne, and will last a whole lot longer. Happy Father's Day.

The Rolling Stones CONTRIBUTED

Bare bones of archaeology

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Move over, Dracula

'Vampire' skeleton on display in Bulgaria

A skeleton dating back to the Middle Ages and recently unearthed in the town of Sozopol is displayed at the National History Museum in Sofia, Bulgaria, on Thursday.

Ever since archaeologists announced last week that they had found two ancient skeletons in Bulgaria with iron rods thrust through their chests, the media have been reporting how Bulgarians once did that to prevent the dead from emerging from the grave as vampires. On Saturday, one of those skeletons will be put on display at the National History Museum, and its director, Bozhidar Dimitrov, says he expects there to be a big turnout.

Dimitrov said Thursday that some people who were believed to have led evil lives were treated that way when they were buried in parts of Bulgaria as recently as the beginning of the last century.

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This 700-year-old skeleton was stabbed in the chest with an iron rod and had his teeth pulled before being put to rest. The media have reported that because vampire tales remain popular in Balkan countries, some people in the Black Sea resort of Sozopol, where the skeletons were found in a graveyard, are having trouble sleeping at night.

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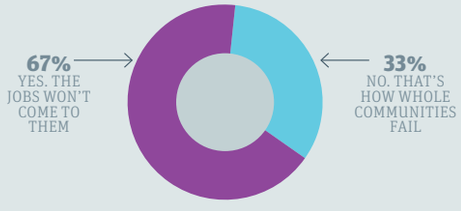

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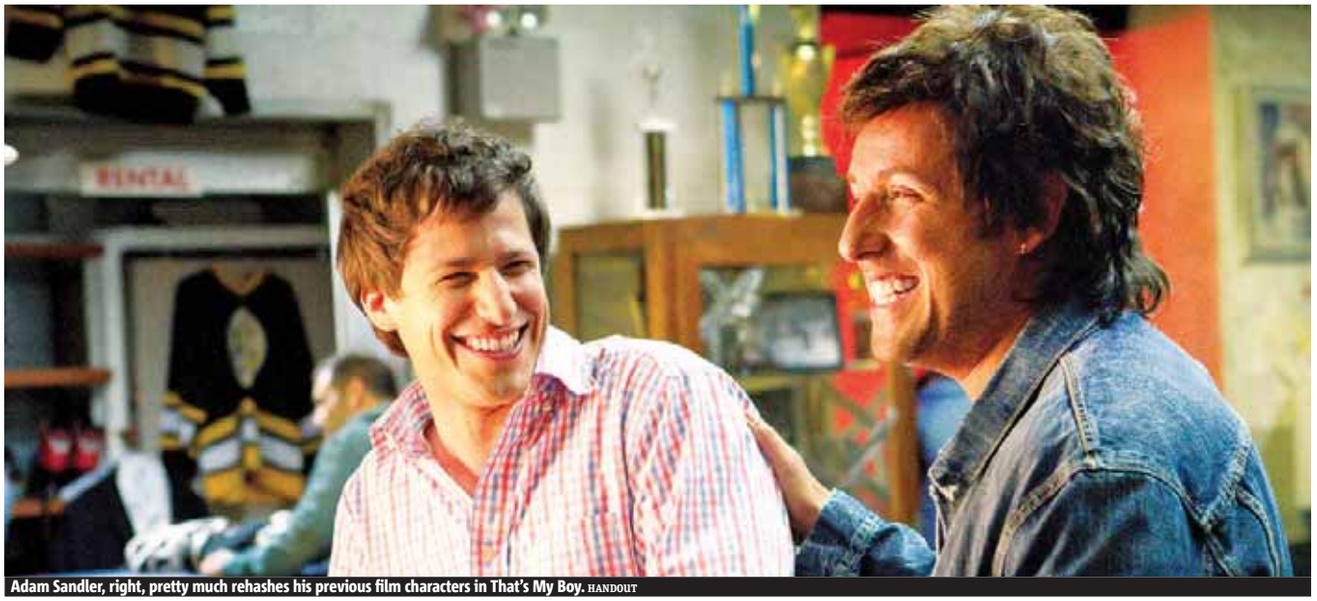

Adam Sandler, right, pretty much rehashes his previous film characters in That's My Boy. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Sandler keeps sinking

That's My Boy. It looks like Adam Sandler has finally gone from tiresome to just embarrassing

Richard: Mark, I felt like I witnessed something special tonight. But not special in a good way. Tonight we sat through That's My Boy and I can't help but think that what we saw wasn't so much a movie, but more some kind of performance art where people who should know better do awful things and charge you 10 bucks to watch.

I hope this is some kind of postmodern art project, 'cuz a comedy it ain't. What did you think?

Mark: I didn't laugh, but I didn't expect to. What can you say about a movie that tries to resurrect Vanilla Ice's career, and almost succeeds?

Synopsis

Adam Sandler plays Donny Berger, a party animal who, at age 13, engaged in extra-curricular activities with his homeroom teacher. When their lovemaking interrupted the graduation ceremony, she was sent to jail, and he was left to raise their baby Han Solo Berger (Andy Samberg), with disastrous results. Cut to present day. Father and son are estranged, and Donny's glory days are behind him. He needs $43,000 to pay off taxes or he's going to jail. He turns to the one person he knows might have the money, his son, now a wealthy businessman on the eve of getting married.

- Richard:
- Mark:

You may call it performance art, but that would only be accurate if someone actually performed in this pastiche. I don't know what irritated me more: Sandler's sketch acting style, Andy Samberg's unfunny, wussy role, the pedophilia and incest motifs, or the desperate, forced "edginess" of the movie. You're right about the movie being "special" — like a train wreck, I couldn't look away. At least I wasn't bored, although I spent a lot of time wishing I were.

RC: I think Adam Sandler has finally turned the corner from tiresome to embarrassing. It's hard to imagine a lazier rehashing of all the man-children he has played in the past.

There's shades of Mr. Deeds, Billy Madison and Happy Gilmore here, all topped off with a grating New England character voice that sounds like a cross between a can opener opening a can of Boston Baked Beans and screeching tires.

MB: I kept asking myself: would this movie be more palatable if Sandler dropped the grating accent? And then I went one step further and recast the role with Steve Carell in the lead and you know what? It would still smell. Richard, you call Sandler's character a lazy rehash, but the whole movie is dripping in '80s and '90s nostalgia — probably the decades when Sandler's comedy made most sense. Can you pick a scene or actor in this mess that stood above the rest of it? Mine would have to be the scene set in the upscale mens' spa.

RC: No one escapes this movie unsullied. Also, what does Adam Sandler have against The Godfather?

First he debases Pacino in Jack & Jill, and now James Caan. It's a good thing Brando is gone.

MB: I just emailed Robert Duvall telling him to watch out. Sandler's obviously working his way down the list.

Scene in brief

Streep gives props to Davis

They may have been Oscar rivals earlier this year, but there's nothing but love between Meryl Streep and Viola Davis. Streep, who ended Davis' awards run for The Help by winning the lead actress Oscar for The Iron Lady, lauded her friend and colleague Tuesday at Women in Film's annual Crystal + Lucy Awards. She called Davis "a lion-hearted woman" and a gifted and determined actress.

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On the web

Indian businessman becomes weapons maker for Hollywood

Musical

Rock of Ages

Director. Adam Shankman

Stars. Tom Cruise, Alec Baldwin, Russell Brand

Borrowed from Broadway, Rock of Ages takes the '80s hair-band-hit musical and turns it into a celebrity sing-a-long that's as shallow as Poison lyrics. Assembled by Adam Shankman (Hairspray) and featuring Tom Cruise (who can sing!) and Alec Baldwin (who can't), it wedges in a pencil-thin romance between two struggling singers. It aims to be nothin' but a good time, but when Cruise isn't strutting around ambiguously imitating Axl Rose, the story is tediously banal. **STEVE GOW**

Drama

Foreverland

Director. Max McGuire

Stars. Max Thieriot, Laurence Leboeuf, Demián Bichir

Most 21-year-olds don't shop for their own coffin, but Will (Thieriot) isn't like most 21-year-olds. Born with cystic fibrosis, Will has a bleak outlook on life. When a childhood friend loses his battle with the disease, Will is tasked with delivering his ashes to a mythologized healing shrine in Mexico. As Will heads down south he (predictably) begins to open up to life's possibilities. Even if it feels a bit contrived, Foreverland is an entertaining road-trip movie with a message. **REGAN REID**

Drama

The Woman in the 5th

Director. Pawel Pawlikowski

Stars. Ethan Hawke, Kristin Scott Thomas

For a thriller, The Woman in the 5th doesn't deliver as much frenzy as it does frustration. Ethan Hawke plays an American writer who returns to Paris to reunite with his estranged daughter and ends up in a tryst with a cryptic widow. While the engaging performances enchant, the drama leaves its murky ends loose and the wandering storyline will rattle fans looking for a conventional mystery.
STEVE GOW

Documentary

The Artist is Present

Director. Matthew Akers

Stars. Marina Abramović

Serbian-born New Yorker Marina Abramović's 40-year career as a performance artist begins as many such careers do: at a passionate pitch and at times over the top. Abramović as an iconoclast who risked her physical and emotional health to express herself. At 63, now calling herself "the grandmother of performance art," Abramović stages her least shocking, most profound and gruelling show, interacting wordlessly and often tearfully with individual fans at MoMA who lined up for days for the chance. **ANNE BRODIE**

Thriller

Beyond the Black Rainbow

Director. Panos Cosmatos

Stars. Michael Roger, Eva Allen

This insane West Coast indie is the most auspicious Canadian feature debut of the year — and maybe in years. A meticulously art-directed homage to vintage, visionary '80s sci-fi, Beyond the Black Rainbow has a hallucinatory power that transcends its slender plot and meagre characterizations: it's simultaneously hypnotic and jarring, which is a very unusual combination.
ADAM NAYMAN

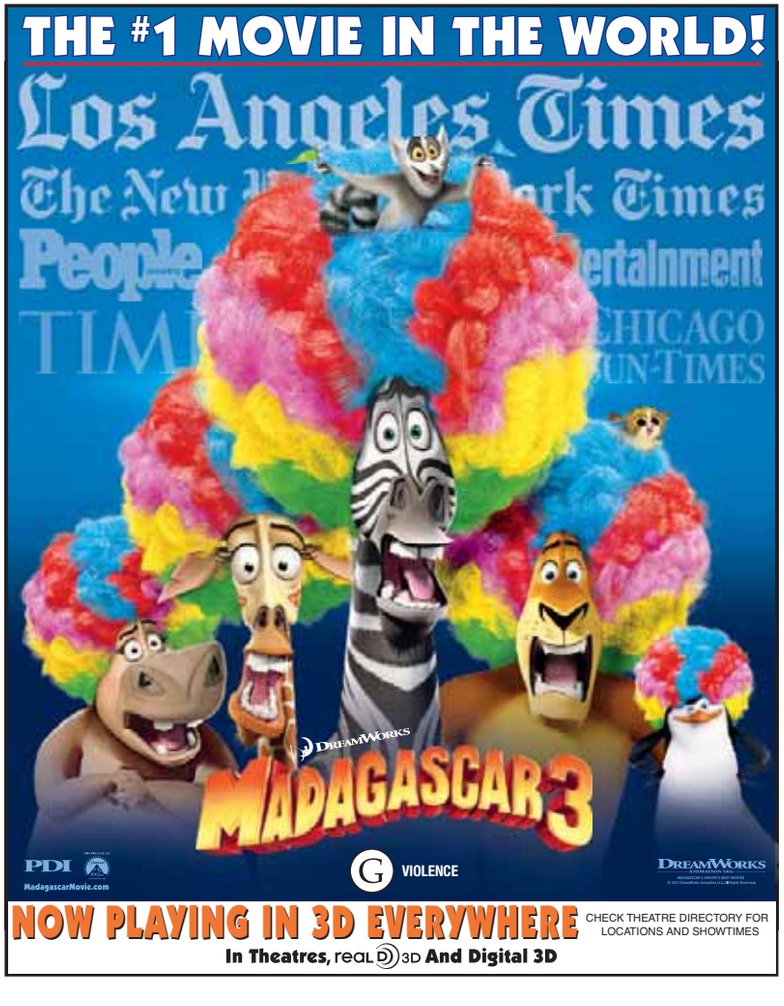
Thriller

388 Arletta Avenue

Director. Randall Cole

Stars. Nick Stahl, Mia Kirshner, Devon Sawa

Yet another found-footage thriller, 388 Arletta Avenue is a Canadian feature that owes Paranormal Activity. In it, Nick Stahl (Terminator 3) and Mia Kirshner (Exotica) give decent turns as a troubled Toronto couple who begin to suspect that someone is watching them. A voyeuristic villain has installed hidden cameras around them and the split-screen narrative is cobbled from those evenly lit images. With no score, stilted dialogue and slow pacing, 388 Arletta Avenue's greatest failure is that it's dreadfully boring. **CHRIS ALEXANDER**



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Heavily improvised. Stars of Your Sister's Sister bonded, created while stuck together for 12 days on a remote island

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Stars Emily Blunt, left, and Rosemarie DeWitt both had a big hand in the development of Your Sister's Sister both on and off screen. HANDOUT

For writer and director Lynn Shelton's latest, Your Sister's Sister, she enlisted the help of stars Emily Blunt, Mark Duplass and Rosemarie DeWitt — and gave them all creative consultant credits on the heavily improvised project about a pair of estranged sisters (Blunt and DeWitt) and a male pal (Duplass) stuck in a mourning-fueled emotional ditch. Shot for a scant $80,000 over 12 days on an island outside Seattle, the picture was a bonding experience for the four of them, to put it mildly.

Those creative consultant credits were earned, of course, as Shelton prefers to shoot without a conventional script, letting the actors explore their characters and the situation naturally and then assembling the finished product in the editing suite. "My No. 1 guidepost when I'm making these films is believability," Shelton says. "I want to create characters who you really believe in, who feel real and resonate. I really want you to recognize the people onscreen and have them be fully human and therefore fully flawed because we're all cracked vessels."

If anything, Duplass finds it a release from the traditional Hollywood depictions of human interaction. "Sometimes in those movies where you have these quote-unquote complex relationships, I find that characters are all behaving pretty well and perfectly, and these characters in this movie are much more like me," he says. "They have many more moments of social awkwardness and missing the mark quite often — and good intentions at times but really just f–ing up, you know?"

Part of keeping things real meant letting English actress Blunt depict her character as English, and Shelton says there was little question in her mind on the matter. "I knew I wanted her to use her own accent," Shelton says. "I didn't want her to have to worry about that when she was improvising, because improvising was going to be hard enough. So it was really easy to make that work."

For Blunt, though, there was more to it than just having one fewer thing to worry about. "We really wanted to just make these people come from different walks of life and different kind of ways of seeing the world," Blunt says. "I think the character of Iris kind of lent itself more to being a British person just because she's not very good at talking about emotions and feelings. She procrastinates and is self-deprecating and all of those things, so I think it kind of lent itself more to my kind of humor and the way I probably was. I feel like Iris was me eight years ago. It's weird."

Facing Armageddon can be a funny thing in Lorene Scafaria's new film

Using heroin and orgies. Seeking a Friend for the End of the World finds comedy in how people prepare for their death

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Keira Knightley, seated left, and Steve Carell star in the comedy Seeking a Friend for the End of the World. HANDOUT

When Armageddon comes, Lorene Scafaria will likely be found listening to music and dreaming of lost love.

"I'm very much a Penny," admitted the filmmaker about the Keira Knightley character in her new movie Seeking a Friend for the End of the World. "I'd probably be too flaky to get my act together yet I'd want to so badly."

In the apocalyptic comedy, Knightley and Steve Carell pair up as a giant asteroid brings end times to Earth — an event that's apparently not as tragic as it seems.

"Death is surreal," said Scafaria of her comic vision of humanity coping with inevitable catastrophe through everything from doing heroin at dinner parties to destroying property. "I talked to some people who said they would go to work because they wouldn't know where else to go … making decisions on how to spend your last three weeks just always seemed comical to me."

As such, the first-time director has drafted a clever cinematic mash-up between an "end-of-the-world" genre film and a traditional romantic comedy. While it's being released June 22nd — shortly before the Mayan calendar runs out – Scafaria insists the timing of the four-year project is merely coincidental.

"(Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist) was my ninth script and this was No. 18 so there's been a lot of writing (in between)," laughed Scafaria. "It's a really strange thing that you can have sort of a career without a lot of output."

Scafaria also admits the movie "wasn't really given a life until Steve Carell got on board" and that it's his everyman quality that gives Seeking a Friend credibility.

"He's so subtle and charming obviously," said Scafaria. "(But) he's got such a love of humanity in himself and his work that I think most comedians don't bring to the table."

Analysis

No ordinary romantic comedy here

On combining the apocalypse with a romantic comedy: "(I wondered) what would it be like if you put those things together," said Scafaria "Things like a date at a theme restaurant become an orgy — it was kind of fun to think in terms of a mash-up."

Scafaria on writing: "I always try to look at people with a sympathetic eye and I always look at myself with a critical one," said Scafaria. "I just like exploring characters that have flaws but deep down they're just like everybody else."

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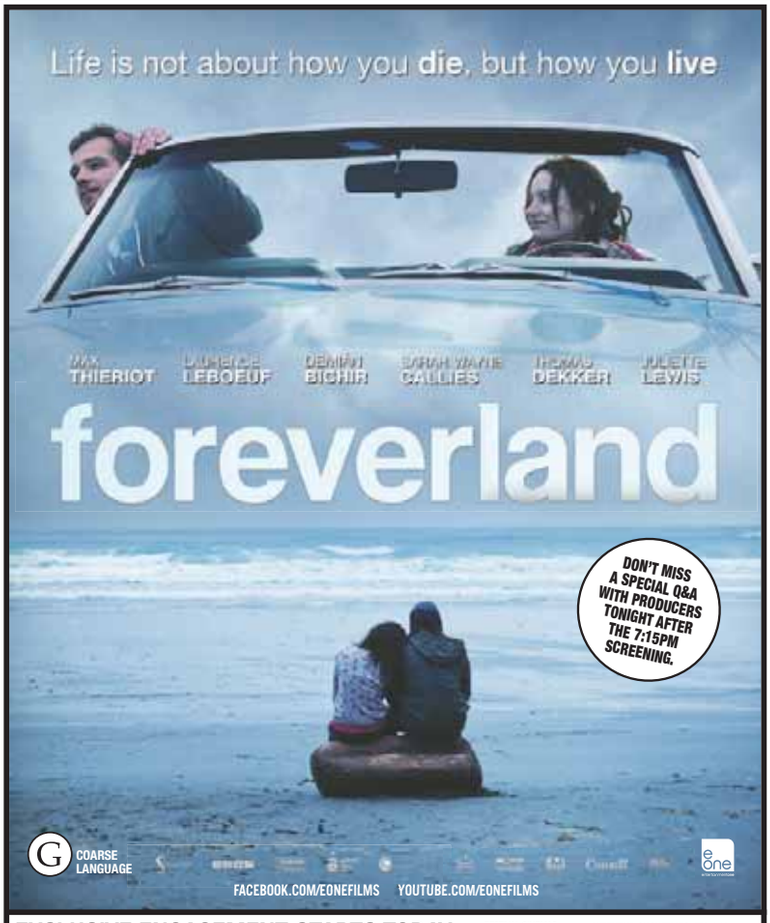
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Brave offers up a Disney princess like none you've ever seen before

New direction.
Rookie director Mark Andrews talks about how audiences expect something different from Pixar heroines

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Set in ancient Scotland, Pixar's new animated feature film Brave stars Kelly Macdonald as the voice of bold, free-thinking Princess Merida. HANDOUT

First-time feature director Mark Andrews knows a thing or two about pressure. While he's been a longtime Pixar team member — and director Brad Bird's right-hand man — the task of taking on Brave, the animation studio's latest feature, was more than a little daunting. And it doesn't help that he had to step in for original director Brenda Chapman. But Andrews loves a challenge almost as much as he loves Scotland, where the tale takes place.

Scotland seems like such a mystical place, with each location having some sort of myth to it.
It is, it is. Everything had a story. Nothing didn't have a story. Every creek and branch and thing. But that was their culture, sharing these stories, and you knew these locations because you had to make them memorable — or stuff actually did happen there. In developing the film, we wanted that aspect in there that every character is telling a story or knows a story, or there's a story about everything that's happening in Brave, so you get story upon story upon story upon story upon story, interwoven in the actual movie.

Did you have any mystical run-ins yourself there?
On my honeymoon, we were in a hotel in Oban, and right on the counter there's a big thing with newspaper articles on it, from way back when, about this hotel's history. I'm just flipping through, and all of a sudden I go, "Oh my God, ghost in room 216." And just as I read this, the clerk hands us over our keys to room 215. I'm all, "Oh crap." The ghost only shows herself to women to warn women away from men. The ghost is the ghost of a woman who killed herself jumping out of a window because the man she was in love with, that was the last night there in that room, he goes off to sea, doesn't tell her when he comes back that he met somebody else. So she's waiting there for him to rendezvous, but he never returns so she offed herself. So the ghost replays their last night together, that argument, and rearranges the furniture in the room back to how it was back in the day. So the maids keep coming in and going, "Ah, the ghost..."

Quoted

"Somebody says princess and Disney and thinks that's all the movie is, great. Let them think that. Never try and out-guess us."

Mark Andrews. Director of Brave
Explaining that those who underestimate his film will be surprised.

You've got to be aware that when you make a movie with Disney about a princess, there will be inevitable comparisons.
We're the bastard child of Disney — don't put that down. We're conscious of it in the sense that yeah, she's a princess, but why is she a princess? (story-wise), there's more catastrophe that can happen. She can't just be a selfish milkmaid who can run off and marry somebody, right? We're all, "I don't care about that. Let 'em marry somebody." But here's this person, this character that doesn't want to do that stuff. "Um, lady, you're going to be a queen someday. You're going to have to step up." So we get those stakes. But it quickly turns and goes away from that idea and that concept. So it's just a very superficial concept, but because it's so easy and somebody says princess and Disney and thinks that's all that movie is, great. Let them think that. Never try and out-guess us.

Since you came into this project already in progress, how involved were you with casting?
The only person that I got to cast was Kelly Macdonald. We had Reese Witherspoon on it, she was great, but the movie was taking so long and she had other things that she had to do down there. When I got on, we were going to do a whole 'nother year or so with her, and she was all, "I've got these other movies, and that commitment does not work out." So, scheduling conflicts, she had to leave us, sadly. So I'm going, "Great. I get on and I have no main character. What am I going to do?" Well, I started looking for a main character, and fast — by Monday — because we were flying. We found Kelly Macdonald, and she was available and gungho, and she's great. I didn't know who the hell she was at all, so just hearing her and seeing little clips, I was thinking, "I don't know, can she do this kind of comedy? Can she do this kind of character?" And then talking to her and stuff and hearing her read some lines, I was like, "She's going to be great!"

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Reservoir Dogs (18A) Mon 7
Rock of Ages (PG) Fri 1:10-1:50-4:10-4:45-7:10-7:40-10:10-10:40 Sat 11-1:10-1:50-4:10-4:45-7:10-7:40-10:10-10:40 Sun 1:10-1:50-4:10-4:45-7:10-7:40-10:10-10:40 Mon 12:40-1:20-3:40-4:15-6:40-7:10-9:40-10:10 Tue 1:10-1:50-4:10-4:45-7:10-7:40-10:10-10:40 Wed-Thu 12:40-1:20-3:40-4:15-6:40-7:10-9:40-10:10
Snow White & the Huntsman (PG) Fri-Sun 11:45-2:30-5:20-8:10-10:55 Mon 2-4:50-7:45-10:40 Tue 11:45-2:30-5:20-8:10-10:55 Wed-Thu 2-4:50-7:45-10:40

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Arts of Conscience Series (STC) Fri 8
The Girls in the Band (STC) Mon 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Sat-Sun Tue-Thu

North Shore

Esplanade 6 200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

The Dictator (14A) Fri 7:10-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:40-7:10-9:20 Mon-Tue 7:10-9:20 Wed 9:20 Thu 7:10-9:20
Marvel's the Avengers (PG) Sat-Sun 3:10
Marvel's the Avengers 3D (PG) Fri 6:30-9:45 Sat-Sun 12-6:30-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:45
Moonrise Kingdom (PG) Fri 6:50-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:30-6:50-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:10
The Pirates! Band of Misfits (G) Sat-Sun 12:10-3
That's My Boy (14A) Fri 6:40-7-9:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:20-12:50-3:20-3:50-6:40-7-9:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:40-7-9:30-9:50
What to Expect When You're Expecting (PG) Fri-Thu 6:20-9

Park & Tilford 333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (G) Fri 6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Sat-Sun 12:30 Star & Strollers Screening, Thu 1
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (G) Fri 7:30-9:55 Sat-Sun 2:55-5:20-7:45-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:55
Men in Black 3 3D (PG) Fri 7:40-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:40-3-5:30-8-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:40-10:10
Prometheus 3D (14A) Fri 7:10-10:05 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:30-7:25-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:10-10:05
Rock of Ages (PG) Fri 7:15-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:20-7:15-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:15-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening, Thu 1
Snow White & the Huntsman (PG) Fri 7-10 Sat-Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 7-10

Richmond

SilverCity Riverport 14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-6:55-9:50
Blazing Saddles (STC) Sun 1
The Dictator (14A) Fri 11:55-2-4:10-6:20-8:30-10:45 Sat 4:10-6:20-8:30-10:45 Sun 4:35-8:45-10:50 Mon-Wed 12-2:05-4:10-6:20-8:30-10:45 Thu 12-2:05-4:10-7:30-10
Double Trouble (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:35-4:55-7:20-10:20 Mon 12-2:20-4:40-7:30-10 Tue-Thu 12:20-2:35-4:55-7:20-10:20
Ferrari Ki Sawaari (STC) Fri-Sun 1-4:15-7:25-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:05-4:15-7:25-10:25
The Iron Giant (STC) Sat 11
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:25-4:50-7:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 12:05-2:25-4:45-7:20-9:45
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:10-5:40-8:05-10:30 Mon-Thu 12:45-3:10-5:35-8:05-10:30
Marvel's the Avengers (PG) Fri-Sun 1:25-7:10 Mon 1:25-7:05 Tue-Thu 1:25-7
Marvel's the Avengers 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:05-4:20-7:45-10:55 Mon 12:55-4:05-10:35 Tue-Thu 12:55-4:05-7:15-10:35
Men in Black 3 (PG) Fri-Sun 4:35-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:30-10:25
Men in Black 3 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:05-5:40-8:15-10:45 Mon 12:30-3:30-7:45-10:30 Tue-Thu 12:30-3:05-5:40-8:15-10:45
Moonrise Kingdom (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3:25-5:50-8:20-10:40 Mon-Wed 1-3:20-5:40-8-10:20 Thu 3:20-5:40-8-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
National Theatre Live: Frankenstein (Original Casting) (STC) Sat 12:30 Thu 6:45
Prometheus (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4-7-10:05
Prometheus 3D (14A) Fri 2:05-5-7:55-10:50 Sat 11:15-2:05-5-7:55-10:50 Sun 2:05-5-7:55-10:50 Mon-Thu 1:55-4:50-7:45-10:40
Prometheus: An IMAX 3D Experience (14A) Fri 1:50-4:40-7:35-10:30 Sat 11-1:50-4:40-7:35-10:30 Sun 1:50-4:40-7:35-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:05-10
Rock of Ages (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:10-7:05-10 Mon-Wed 1:10-4-7:05-10 Thu 4-7:05-10 Fri-Sun 1:55-4:50-7:45-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:55-4:40-7:30-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening, Thu 1
Snow White & the Huntsman (PG) Fri-Sat 11:55-1:30-2:40-4:25-5:25-7:15-8:10-10:10-10:55 Sun 11:55-1:30-2:40-5:25-7:15-8:10-10:10-10:55 Mon 1:20-1:50-4:20-4:40-7:40-10:10-10:35 Tue-Wed 1:20-1:50-4:20-4:40-7:15-7:40-10:10-10:35 Thu 1:20-1:50-4:20-4:40-7:40-10:10-10:35
That's My Boy (14A) Fri 12-2-2:40-4:45-5:30-7:35-8:10-10:15-10:55 Sat 11:20-12-2-2:40-4:45-5:30-7:35-8:10-10:15-10:55 Sun 12-2-2:40-4:45-5:30-7:35-8:10-10:15-10:55 Mon-Thu 12-2-2:40-4:45-5:20-7:35-8:10-10:15-10:40
WWE: No Way Out (STC) Sun 5

Burnaby

Dolphin Cinemas 4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Fri 5:10-7:15-9:20 Sat-Sun 1-3:05-5:10-7:15-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:15-9:20
Snow White & the Huntsman (PG) Fri 4:10-6:45-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:45-9:20
SilverCity Metropolis
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474
The Dictator (14A) Fri 12-2:10-4:20-6:35-8:50-11 Sat 4:20-6:35-8:50-11 Sun 12-2:10-8:50-11 Mon-Wed 1:40-3:50-6:05-8:20-10:30 Thu 1:40-3:50-10:30
The Iron Giant (STC) Sat 11
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:30-4:55-7:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:30-4:55-7:20-9:45
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:15-5:40-8-10:25
Marvel's the Avengers (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45
Marvel's the Avengers 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 4-7:25-10:35
Men in Black 3 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20 Mon-Thu 12:30
Men in Black 3 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 2:55-5:30-8:10-10:40
National Theatre Live: Frankenstein (Original Casting) (STC) Sat 12:30 Thu 6:45
Prometheus (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:15-10:10
Prometheus 3D (14A) Fri 2:05-5-7:55-10:50 Sat 11:15-2:05-5-7:55-10:50 Sun 2:05-5-7:55-10:50 Mon-Thu 2-4:55-7:50-10:45
Rock of Ages (PG) Fri 1:55-4:50-7:45-10:40 Sat 11:05-1:55-4:50-7:45-10:40 Sun-Thu 1:55-4:50-7:45-10:40
Snow White & the Huntsman (PG) Fri-Sun 12-2:40-5:25-8:15-11 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:40-7:30-10:15
That's My Boy (14A) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:40-5:25-8:10-10:55 Mon-Thu 2:20-5:15-7:55-10:35
WWE: No Way Out (STC) Sun 5

Station Square 220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (G) Fri 4-6:50-9:35 Sat 1-4-6:50-9:35 Sun 1-4-6:50 Mon-Thu 4-6:50
Chernobyl Diaries (14A) Fri 4:10-7:05-9:55 Sat 1:10-4:10-7:05-9:55 Sun 1:10-4:10-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05
Dark Shadows (PG) Fri 4:20-7:10-9:50 Sat 1:20-4:20-7:10-9:50 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10
Double Trouble (PG) Fri 4:30-7:30-9:40 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-9:40 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30
Every Breath You Take (PG) Fri 4:15-7:15-9:45 Sat 1:15-4:15-7:15-9:45 Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15
The Hunger Games (PG) Fri 3:45-6:45-9:45 Sat 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45
What to Expect When You're Expecting (PG) Fri 4:25-6:55-9:30 Sat 1:25-4:25-6:55-9:30 Sun 1:25-4:25-6:55 Mon-Thu 4:25-6:55

New West/ Coquitlam

SilverCity Coquitlam 170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (G) Fri-Sat 1:20-4:10-7-9:55 Sun 4:10-7-9:55 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:10-7-9:55
Blazing Saddles (STC) Sun 1
Cosmopolis (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-2:55-5:35-8:15-10:50 Mon-Thu 2:55-5:35-8:15-10:50
Crooked Arrows (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:40
The Dictator (14A) Fri-Thu 4:15-9:45
The Iron Giant (STC) Sat 11
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:30-4:55-7:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:30-4:55-7:20-9:45
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:15-5:40-8:05-10:30
Marvel's the Avengers (PG) Fri-Sat 12:50-7:15 Sun 12:50 Mon-Thu 12:50-7:15 Fri 12:25-3:45-6:55-10:20 Sat 3:45-6:55-10:20 Sun 12:25-3:45-6:55-10:20 Mon 3:45-6:55-10:20 Tue 12:25-3:45-6:55-10:20 Wed 3:45-6:55-10:20 Thu 3:30-10:20
Marvel's the Avengers 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 1:10-4:25-7:40-11 Sun-Thu 1:10-4:25-7:40
Men in Black 3 (PG) Fri-Sat 4:40-10:35 Sun 10:35 Mon-Thu 4:40-10:35
Men in Black 3 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:55-5:30-8:15-10:50 Mon-Thu 1:30-4-6:45-9:30
Moonrise Kingdom (PG) Fri-Tue 1-3:25-5:50-8:20-10:45 Wed 3:25-5:50-8:20-10:45 Thu 1-3:25-5:50-8:20-10:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
National Theatre Live: Frankenstein (Original Casting) (STC) Sat 12:30 Thu 6:45
Prometheus (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:10-10:10
Prometheus 3D (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:50 Mon 4:50-7:50-10:50 Tue 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:50 Wed-Thu 4:50-7:50-10:50 Fri 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat 11-1:40-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sun-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:30

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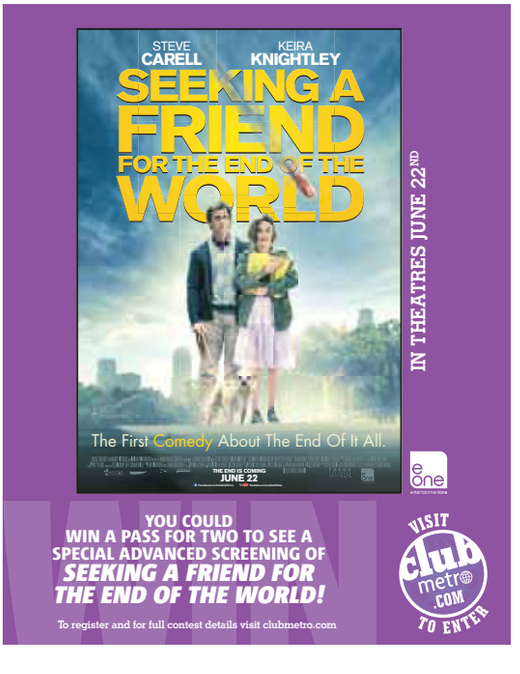
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Snow White & the Huntsman (PG) Fri-Thu 1:55-4:50-7:50-10:50 Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:35 Mon 4:30-7:30-10:35 Tue 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:35 Wed-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:35 That's My Boy (14A) Fri-Sun 12-2:40-5:25-8:10-10:55 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:15-7:15-10 Fri-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon 3:30-6:30-9:30 Tue 12:50-3:30-6:30-9:30 Wed 3:30-6:30-9:30 Thu 3:45-6:30-9:30 What to Expect When You're Expecting (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-7
WWE: No Way Out (STC) Sun 5

Surrey/White Rock/ Langley

Clova, 5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1:30-7 Mon-Thu 7

Hollywood 3 Cinema 7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Battleship (PG) Fri-Thu 9:15
Dark Shadows (PG) Fri-Thu 9:10
Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (G) Sat-Sun 1:30
The Hunger Games (PG) Fri 6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:30
Mirror Mirror (PG) Fri-Thu 4:30
The Pirates! Band of Misfits (G) Sat 1-2:50 Sun 2:50 Think Like a Man (PG) Fri-Thu 4:15-6:40 What to Expect When You're Expecting (PG) Fri-Thu 4:45-7

Strawberry Hill Grande 12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

Desi Romeos (STC) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:35-7-10:35 Mon 2:25-7-10:35 Tue 12:10-3:35-7-10:35 Wed-Thu 2:25-7-10:35
Ferrari Ki Sawaari (STC) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:25-7:35-10:45
The Iron Giant (STC) Sat 11
Kabaddi Once Again (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-7:10 Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Fri-Sun 12:15 Mon 12:25 Tue 12:15 Star & Strollers Screening, Wed 1 Thu 12:25 Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (G) Fri-Sun 2:40-5:05-7:30-9:55 Mon 2:45-5:05-7:30-9:55 Tue 2:40-5:05-7:30-9:55 Wed 3:05-5:15-7:30-9:55 Thu 2:45-5:05-7:30-9:55
Marvel's the Avengers (PG) Fri-Thu 1
Marvel's the Avengers 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 4:15-7:30-10:45
Men in Black 3 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30
Men in Black 3 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 3:05-5:40-8:15-10:50 Mon 3:05-5:35-8:10-10:45 Tue 3:05-5:40-8:15-10:50 Wed-Thu 3:05-5:35-8:10-10:45
Prometheus (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:50-7:05-10 Prometheus 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 2:05-5-7:55-10:50
Rock of Ages (PG) Fri-Tue 1:55-4:50-7:45-10:40 Wed 4:50-7:45-10:40 Thu 1:55-4:50-7:45-10:40 Star & Strollers Screening, Wed 1
Rowdy Rathore (14A) Fri-Sat 12:40-4-7:20-10:40 Sun 12:40-10:40 Mon-Thu 12:40-4-7:20-10:40
Shanghai (PG) Fri-Thu 4:25-10:30
Snow White & the Huntsman (PG) Fri-Sun 2:10-5:05-8-10:55 Mon 1:50-4:45-7:40-10:35 Tue 2:10-5:05-8-10:55 Wed-Thu 1:50-4:45-7:40-10:35
That's My Boy (14A) Fri 12-2:40-5:25-8:10-10:55 Sat 12-2:30-5:25-8:10-10:55 Sun 12-2:40-5:25-8:10-10:55 Mon 2-4:50-7:40-10:30 Tue 12-2:40-5:25-8:10-10:55 Wed-Thu 2-4:50-7:40-10:30
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The Dictator (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:15-6:20-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:20-4:15-6:20-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:50-8:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4:15-6:20-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:50-8:45
Ferrari Ki Sawaari (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:25-7:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:40-4:25-7:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:10-8:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4:25-7:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:10-8:20
Kabaddi Once Again (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 7:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:30-7:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 7:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 7:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 7:50
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:10-7-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:15-4:10-7-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:45-8:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4:10-7-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:45-8:10
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 3:40-6:30-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:30-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:15-7:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 3:40-6:30-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:15-7:45
Marvel's the Avengers (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:35 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5
Marvel's the Avengers 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 3:30-6:15-9:25 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 8 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 3:30-6:15-9:25 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 8 Men in Black 3 (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:25 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:20
Men in Black 3 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 3:35-6:45-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 8:05 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 3:35-6:45-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 8:05 Prometheus (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:20-7:10-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:10-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:05-7:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4:20-7:10-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:05-7:55
Prometheus 3D (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 3:50-6:40-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:40-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:35-8:25 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 3:50-6:40-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:35-8:25
Rock of Ages (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4-6:50-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:45-4-6:50-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:25-8:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4-6:50-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:25-8:15
Snow White & the Huntsman (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:05-7:15-10:05 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:55-4:05-7:15-10:05 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:40-8:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4:05-7:15-10:05 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:40-8:30 That's My Boy (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:30-7:25-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:25-4:30-7:25-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:30-8:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4:30-7:25-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:30-8:40

Rialto, 1732-152nd Street, White Rock, 604-541-9527

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (G) Fri 7-9:25 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:25 Mon-Thu 7-9:25
Snow White & the Huntsman (PG) Fri 7:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:30

Criterion 4 White Rock 2381 King George Highway, 604-531-7456

Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Fri 7:30-9:20 Sat-Sun 2:30-7:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:20
Men in Black 3 (PG) Fri 7:20-9:25 Sat-Sun 2:20-7:20-9:25 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:25
Prometheus (14A) Fri 7:10-9:35 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:35 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:35
Rock of Ages (PG) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30

Colossus Langley 20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (G) Fri-Sun 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:45-9:55 Blazing Saddles (STC) Sun 1
Cosmopolis (14A) Fri 2:10-5-7:40-10:35 Sat 11:25-2:10-5-7:40-10:35 Sun 2:10-5-7:40-10:35 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:15-10:10
The Dictator (14A) Fri 2-4:15-6:30-8:50-11 Sat 4:15-6:30-8:50-11 Sun 2:45-5:05-7:25-8:50-11 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:25-9:45
The Hunger Games (PG) Fri-Sun 12:55-4-7:15-10:25 Mon 3:45-10:25 Tue-Wed 3:45-7:10-10:25 Thu 3:45-10:25
The Iron Giant (STC) Sat 11
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Sound Check

Heads up hipsters

SOUND CHECK
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One of my downtown Toronto hipster peeps is on the phone. "Where are you off to next?"

"Calgary," I replied. "As soon as NXNE wraps up, I'm heading for the Sled Island (SI) Music and Arts Festival."

"What's that?" my hipster friend sniffed, "Some kind of rodeo?"

"It's Western Canada's largest indie music festival. This is year six."

"Calgary?" he snorted. "You can't be serious. Everyone knows that there's no culture in Calgary, let alone any kind of proper music scene. It's all dirty oil, cowboy hats and horse manure."

Hardly. Tucked in just before the Stampede (which turns 100 this year, by the way), SI's goal to bring some life to the downtown core, a place that can feel very, very empty after office hours. It's also about showcasing all kind of indie culture.

For anyone into indie music, film, art, and comedy, SI is a fantastic place to mix it. Hundreds of bands will play venues ranging from Olympic Plaza and the National Music Centre to tiny bars and churches — with a Royal Canadian Legion or two thrown in.

So, who's coming? Here are of some highlights for what some consider it to be the coolest event of its type in the country:

• Feist, (a Calgary native, lest we forget) will play a big outdoor event a week from tonight.

• Alt-rock elder statesmen Thurston Moore (Sonic Youth), Steven Malkmus (Pavement), Lou Barlow (Sebadoh, Dinosaur Jr.) and Nomeansno.

• Shadowy Men on a Shadowy Planet (best known for their surf-rock theme, Having an Average Weekend aka the theme from The Kids in the Hall) will reunite for their first show in sixteen years.

• Andrew WK promises to keep partying hard with performances, DJing and motivational talks on (what else?) partying hard.

• Craig Finn will do double duty, performing solo and with his day job band, The Hold Steady.

• Past Polaris prize nominees, including The Sadies and Timber Timbre.

• Lots of super-hot indie bands: Yamantaka / Sonic Titan, Russian Circles, Young Empires, Shabazz Palaces and Parlovr.

By the way, my friend should know that Calgary has been designated the Cultural Capital of Canada for 2012. For full details, go to sledisland.com.

Lisa Marie Presley. GETTY IMAGES

Lisa Marie Presley in Storm and Grace land

New music. Memphis singer's first album in seven years is a return to her Southern roots

LINDA LABAN
Metro World News

Madonna, Gwyneth, Lisa Marie Presley: All-American girls gone Brit-crazy. For Presley, there's one particular aspect of being an Anglophile that she likes: the local pub.

"There are lots of pubs near where we live in Sussex, but there's one that's become my local," says Presley. "I love that I can walk in there and see everyone in the village. I never got that social aspect of it until I lived here. I love to go in and say hello to people. And I love Guinness."

The Memphis belle's first new album in seven years, the rootsy Americana set Storm and Grace, is being hailed as a return to her Southern roots, but after her last tour, five years ago, all Presley wanted was to ditch them.

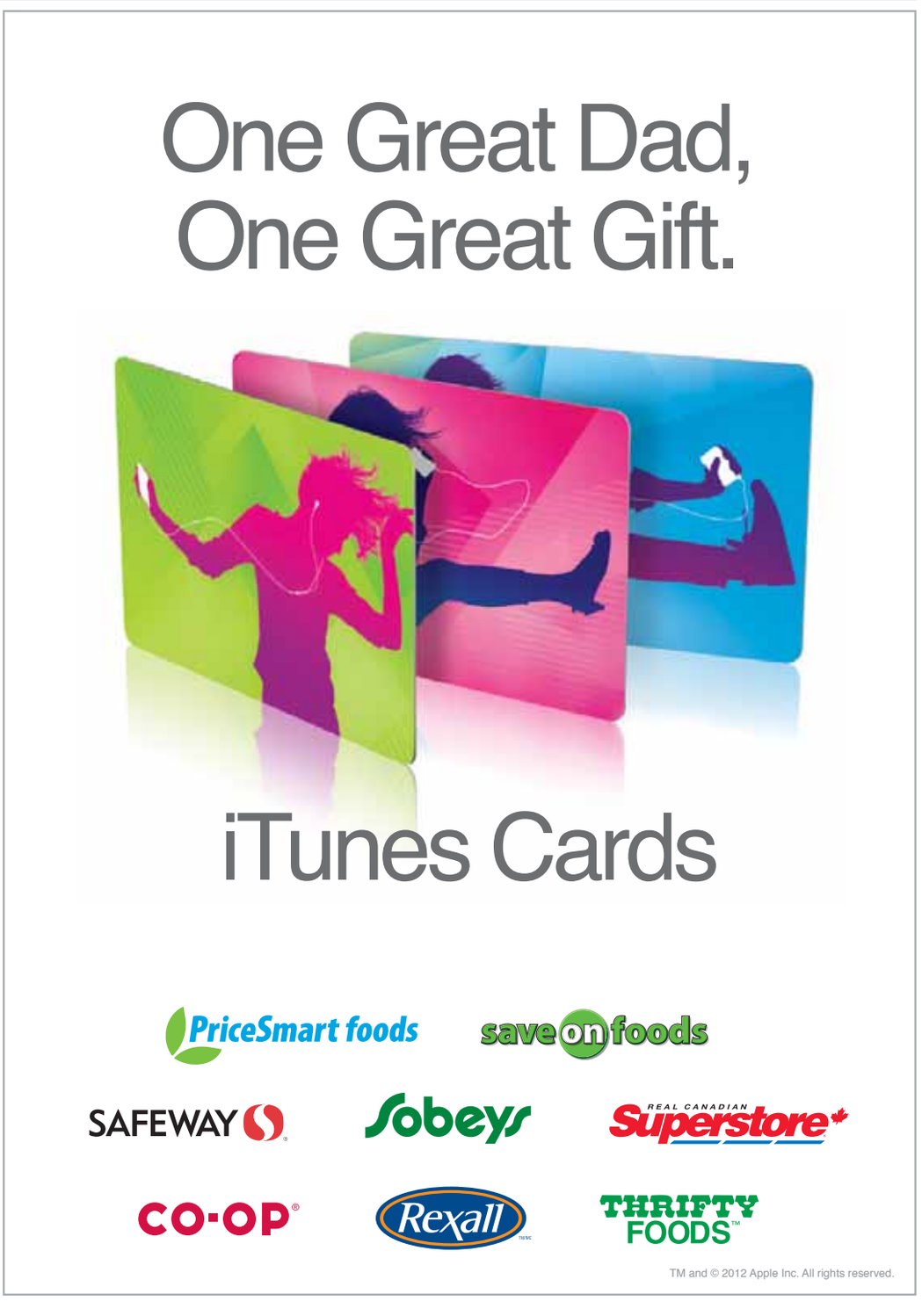
"I didn't feel like doing much of anything for a while," she says. "I am a writer at heart. I felt that if I was in a different place and got rid of all the things I knew that I'd start writing again. I had to leave everyone and everything I knew behind in order to write."

Presley co-wrote the album in England with several contributors, including two Brits: Pulp guitarist Richard Hawley, who's also a solo artist with a Southern twang; and Ed Harcourt, a brilliant melodicist and songwriter.

Top producer

Storm and Grace is produced by 12-time Grammy Award-winner T Bone Burnett, a master of Americana.

- **Quote.** "I am a fan of his work, he's done so many great records," says Presley, who manages enthusiastic praise without gushing. "I sent him some demos and I was really hoping he'd want to work with me. He got back to me so quickly. I was so happy to work with him."



Expect some Party Rockin' at the MMVAs

LMFAO. Redfoo and Sky Blu are set to host the MuchMusic Video Awards on Sunday

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"Party" and "rocks" are both words regularly used to describe the MuchMusic Video Awards. But the nation's music station decided to make it official this year by having party rocking experts LMFAO host their annual shindig on Sunday night.

Despite never having hosted an awards show, the duo — made up of Redfoo and Sky Blu — weren't the least bit surprised when the offer came their way.

"I'm surprised more entities don't have us doing more of ton stop on their current Party Rockin' Tour.

Based in Los Angeles, LMFAO (an acronym for Laughed My F*cking Ass Off) found fame via their brash mix of house beats, pop hooks, dance moves and an ostentatious wardrobe.

Their stupidly catchy singles Party Rock Anthem and Sexy and I Know It both hit No. 1 in Canada and the U.S.

And while their sound and lyrics certainly have roots in club culture their crossover appeal is what they believe enticed Much into offering them the gig.

"The demographic that they want to tune in is our same fan base," say Redfoo. "And especially now, with a lot of the kids listening to LMFAO and having fun with the videos, the parents now are fans."

North of the border

"There is certain inside Canadian humour. I have to learn these things. I'm on Wikipedia understanding where the maple syrup came from."

LMFAO's Redfoo
On his research to host the MMVAs

The pair logged time riffing on camera for the Grammy's Red Carpet, but Redfoo says the MMVAs are a far more structured event.

"Me and Sky are always on," he says, "we're always improving and having fun. That's what we do. So it's about capturing the best of that with some guidelines."

MuchMusic organizers have been in regular communication with the band, hammering out a script that allows the two musician's personalities to shine without derailing the show's momentum, or breaking CRTC rules.

They're also doing their own research in preparation for the show.

Surrounded by superstars

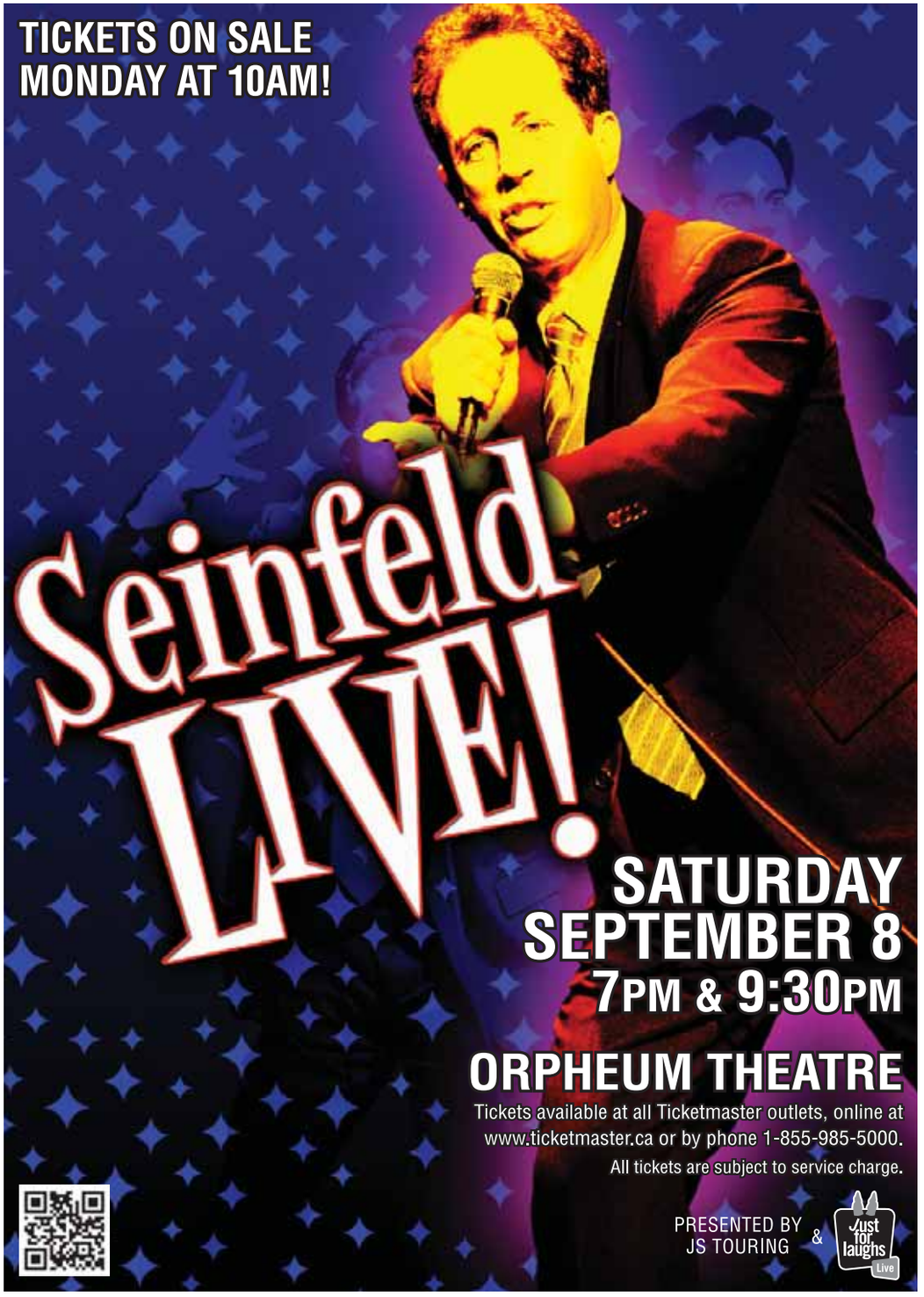
Both Redfoo and Sky Blu have rock royalty in their bloodline.

- **Redfoo.** His real name is Stefan Gordy. He is the youngest son of Motown founder Berry Gordy.
- **Sky Blu (a.k.a Skyler Gordy).** He is Berry's grandson, making Stefan Skylar's uncle.
- **Jermaine Jackson.** The one-time Jackson 5 member and Michael's older brother, was once married to Stefan's older sister, Hazel, making the two brothers-in-law.

"There is certain inside Canadian humour," he says. "I have to learn these things. I'm on Wikipedia understanding where the maple syrup came from."

THE 2012 MMVAS RED CARPET SPECIAL STARTS SUNDAY AT 8 P.M. ET, FOLLOWED BY THE AWARDS SHOW AT 9 P.M. ET ON MUCHMUSIC AND FUSE.

Redfoo, left, and Sky Blu of LMFAO HANDOUT



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This month in celebs who feel sorry for themselves...

Scarlett Johansson gets a lot of attention for her beauty, but it's not something she's exactly thrilled about.

"I don't like being labelled as 'the sexiest woman alive.' As an actress I prefer to maintain the anonymity," Johansson says in an interview with Grazia Italia.

And as for being a role model for other women? She'd rather not.

"There are so many wonderful women out there," Johansson says.

Forget about Katy, it's the paperwork that stressed Russell out

Always the romantic, Russell Brand says the hardest part of divorcing Katy Perry has been all the paperwork.

"I suppose a divorce is difficult, isn't it? Because of the admin. There's a lot of admin," he tells the Mirror. Still, his 14-month marriage wasn't all bad: "Well, it did work out in a way because you are married for some time, and that's really good, and then you're not married, and that's really good. You just have to have acceptance of things," Brand says.

So how does he find this acceptance so easily?

"I don't want to sound like a lunatic, but if you meditate and do yoga you become attuned to that there is different energy that's constant and very, very beautiful," he insists.

"Some people would call it God, some people would call it karma or the cosmos. Me, I call it sexual charisma."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

The swag don't match the sweaters

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At first, things seemed pretty nice and tidy with the Chris Brown and Drake brawl that broke out early Thursday morning at Manhattan nightclub W.i.P.

Both hip-hop stars have dated Rihanna in the past, both have a habit of gossiping in pop songs, and one has a history of anger management problems: Case closed. But now, Drake's people are telling TMZ that the rapper wasn't responsible for the gash on Chris Brown's face that popped up on Twitter Thursday morning.

"Drake did not participate in any wrongdoing of any kind last night at W.i.P," his rep tells the site. "He was on his way out of the club when the altercation began."

Another source claims that Philly rapper Meek Mill was the one with the problem, and hit Brown with a bottle after a shouting match. No arrests were made, and all of the boldface names were gone by the time police arrived sometime after 4 a.m.

Brown, for one, seems to back up at least the bottle part. His Twitter feed has since been airbrushed by publicists, but at one point after the incident read, "How u party wit rich n**** that hate? Lol... Throwing bottles like girls? #shameonya!"

Well, someone is certainly getting left out of the Cheesecake Factory mall trip this weekend. As soon as a nasty note surfaces on the bathroom wall, we're going to call it: Lamest hip-hop fight ever.

Courteney Cox and David Arquette. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Talk about a friendly divorce: No prenup for Cox, Arquette

In possibly the most amicable split in Hollywood history, Courteney Cox reportedly filed her divorce paper the same day as soon-to-be ex-husband David Arquette, also citing irreconcilable differences, according to TMZ.

Like Arquette, Cox is seeking joint custody of their daughter and no spousal support, and she will represent herself in the proceedings.

The biggest discovery is that the couple, married for 11 years before separating in 2010, did not have a prenup, so all of their community property will be divided equally.

Cox is worth a reported $75 million, while Arquette is said to be worth $18 million.

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My dad isn't much of a drinker. He's more of a six-pack of beer a year and a sip of wine if the occasion insists type than a trained professional like me.

He does have a slight liquid Achilles' heel when it comes to single malt scotch though, which makes Father's Day gifting a no brainer.

Not a blend of different whiskies, single malts are made from a single grain (barley) and a single water source by a single distillery. All that singularity means a glass of this style of scotch comes jam packed with personality, some of which can be pretty over the top.

Islay is Scotland's southernmost island and its small group of distilleries creates the most aggressive whiskies in the world.

Laphroaig 10 Year Old ($70.20 - $84.99) is arguably the nastiest (in a good way). Boozy and medicinal with a pounding palate of peat, iodine and a touch of sea spray; it's a rambunctious malt that may pose a challenge for those who prefer lighter whiskies.

Here's a tip: Try adding a splash of spring water to your next glass of single malt. It helps round out the forward flavours and accentuates the aromas.

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Surprise dad with your skills on the grill

Mesquite-Grilled Cheeseburgers with Warm Chipotle Salsa.

These aren't your typical barbecue bites

The basic two-zone fire is an efficient charcoal arrangement for a wide variety of foods. It combines both direct heat (where the food cooks directly above the coals) and indirect heat (where the foods cook above and to the side of the coals).

1. In a large bowl, gently combine beef, cumin, pepper and 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) salt. Shape into 4 patties of equal size, each about 2 cm (3/4 inch) thick. With your thumb or the back of a spoon, make a shallow indentation about 2.5 cm (1 inch) wide in the centre of each patty. This will help the patties cook evenly and prevent them from puffing on the grill. Cover and refrigerate until ready to cook.

2. Prepare a two-zone fire for high heat (230 C/450 F to 290 C/550 F).

3. In a medium skillet over medium heat, warm 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the oil. Add onion and garlic and cook until onion is tender, about 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Transfer to a medium bowl. Brush tomatoes with remaining 30 ml (1 tbsp) of oil.

4. Brush cooking grate clean. Drain and add half of the wood chips to the charcoal and put the lid on the grill. When smoke appears, place tomato halves, cut side up, over indirect high heat. Close lid and cook until tomato juices are bubbling and the skins split, about 12 minutes. Remove from grill. Remove and discard tomato skins and roughly chop tomatoes. Add tomatoes, cilantro, chili and lime juice to onion mixture. Season with salt. Set aside.

5. Drain and add remaining wood chips to charcoal and put lid on the grill. When wood starts to smoke, cook patties over direct high heat, with lid closed as much as possible, until cooked to medium doneness, 8 to 10 minutes, turning once. During the last minute of cooking time, place a slice of cheese on each patty to melt and toast the rolls, cut side down. Remove from grill and build each burger with the salsa. Serve warm.

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Ingredients

4 portions
Ideal grill: Charcoal
Smoke intensity: Strong
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 20 minutes

- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) ground chuck (80 per cent lean)
- 10 ml (2 tsp) ground cumin
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) ground black pepper
- Kosher salt
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 small red onion, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 4 plum tomatoes, each cut in half lengthwise
- 2 large handfuls mesquite wood chips, soaked in water for at least 30 minutes
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) finely chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 canned chipotle chili pepper in adobo sauce, minced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) fresh lime juice
- 4 slices smoked cheddar or smoked Gouda cheese, each about 30 g (1 oz)
- 4 hamburger rolls

This recipe makes four burgers. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Lay this Honey Pilsner Glaze on thick

The glaze is great for chicken. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

This Honey Pilsner Glaze can be used as a marinade, glaze or condiment.

It was created by Steve Adams, who has led his competition barbecue team, Team Cedar Grilling, to victory for three consecutive years.

The team represented Canada at the Jack Daniels' World Championships in Lynchburg, Tenn.

Here are some serving suggestions for the glaze.

- Use it to coat a roast ham in the last hour of cooking. You can add pineapple or raisins to the glaze for this use, if desired.
- Use it as a condiment on grilled sausage, hamburgers, hot dogs or sandwiches.
- Place the glaze in a non-reactive bowl, keeping some aside in a separate bowl for serving. Marinate chicken pieces or wings for one to two hours in the refrigerator. Grill over indirect heat until cooked. Serve glaze on the side

1. In a saucepan, combine all ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and set aside.

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Ingredients

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) pilsner
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) honey
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) brown sugar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) yellow mustard
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) garlic powder
- Freshly ground pepper

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Safety first

Cooking to perfection

- Use an instant-read thermometer to check if meat is finished rather than cutting into it because the natural juices will escape.
- Cook food thoroughly — cooking times and temperatures vary for different meat and poultry.
- Whole poultry should be fully cooked at 82 C (180 F), burgers at a minimum of 71 C (160 F) and beef, veal and lamb roasts and steaks can vary from 63 C (145 F) for medium-rare to 77 C (170 F) for well done.
- When cooking in advance, divide large portions of food into small, shallow containers for refrigeration to ensure safe, rapid cooling.
- Keep cold food cold and hot food hot until it's served. You can keep cooked meats hot by setting them to the side or upper tray of the barbecue grill.
- The refrigerator should be set at 4 C (40 F) or colder and the freezer at -18 C (0 F) or colder.

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On the web

Clean, cook, separate and chill to keep family, friends safe during grilling season

Have a few gaps in your schedule you're looking to fill?
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Re: THINK Housing Jam

Friday, June 15, join creative minds and decision-makers for a night of insightful discussion. Raise your voice alongside fellow Vancouverites looking for a fresh way to generate conversation, ideas and answers for the city's affordable housing crisis and help spearhead new initiatives. Admission to this pilot project is free and takes place at The HiVE located at 210-128 West Hastings St. from 6:30 p.m. until 10 p.m.

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Rio Tinto Alcan Dragon Boat Festival: June 15 – 17

Back for its 24th year! Head over to Athletes Way at the Creekside Olympic Village in False Creek for a weekend of super-charged paddling festivities and fun complete with live entertainment, a waterfront beer garden and art displays — not to mention world-class dragon boat races!

Park it for a day: Car Free Vancouver Day: June 17

This Sunday, leave the keys at home and enjoy the city carless and fancy-free. Enjoy an exhaust-free day of fun and festivities at free street festivals taking place throughout the city in both the West End and along Commercial Drive. Take part in some serious block parties happening throughout Kitsilano (between W.16th Ave. and Cornwall/ Point Grey Rd.)

Seek the Peak 2012 Relay for Breast Cancer: June 17

Join thousands of other like-minded, ambitious fitness seekers and get yourself up the mountain. One of the more challenging races to take place in our city this summer the 16-km race takes participants along a picturesque beachside route and up the Grouse Grind (where a rewarding beer awaits at the Peak of Vancouver). Location: Grouse Mountain Resort, 6400 Nancy Green Way, North Vancouver.

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Golf

Tiger on the hunt at U.S. Open

Any comfort Michael Thompson took looking up at the leaderboard at the Olympic Club and finally seeing his name at the top fizzled fast when he saw the player one spot below.

Tiger Woods.

Thompson shot a 4-under 66 in the first round of the U.S. Open on Thursday, taking a three-shot lead in the clubhouse over the hard-charging Woods and David Toms.

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Tiger Woods lines up a putt on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

Cycling

Armstrong takes action against latest allegations

Lance Armstrong is gearing up for a fight over the latest round of doping allegations.

Armstrong's lawyers demanded access to evidence gathered by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, including test results and the names of witnesses who said they saw the seven-time Tour de France champion use performance-enhancing drugs.

Armstrong has until June 22 to respond in writing to the fresh allegations, the first step of what could be a months-long process.

"I'm exploring all my options," Armstrong said in a telephone interview on Thursday from Paris.

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Chris Bosh dunks the ball over Serge Ibaka in Game 2 of the NBA finals Thursday in Oklahoma City. RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

Heat steal Thunder's home-court advantage

NBA. Miami can win finals over next three games on its floor

Game 2

Heat	Thunder
100	96

LeBron James asked for help, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh provided it.

The Miami Heat finally rediscovered the formula to winning in the NBA finals — barely.

James scored 32 points, Wade rebounded from a poor opener with 24 and the Heat built a huge early lead before holding off a furious fourth-quarter rally behind their three all-stars to beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 100-96 on Thursday night to tie the series at one game apiece.

Bosh had 16 points and 15 rebounds for the Heat, who snapped a four-game finals losing streak with their first victory since Game 3 against Dallas last year.

"We've been down. We've withstood rallies. The good thing about it, when they scored, we didn't get our head down. We just got back on offence and started to execute," James said. "It's a great team that we're going against. So we're going to need every effort, every play and it's going to take all the way down to zeroes on that clock to get a win."

Now they go home to host Game 3 on Sunday and the next two after that, knowing they don't have to hear the noisy Thunder fans again — not to mention all their critics — if they win all three.

Kevin Durant scored 32 points for the Thunder but missed a shot, after appearing to be bumped, that would have tied a game the Thunder trailed the entire way. Russell Westbrook finished with 27 points, eight rebounds and seven assists, but shot 10 of 25 from the field.

It was the first home loss in 10 post-season games for the Thunder, who had overcome a 13-point deficit in Game 1.

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4 SPORTS

Soccer

"All sports fall into a rhythm, and at the moment our team is in a good rhythm with balance and in team spirit."

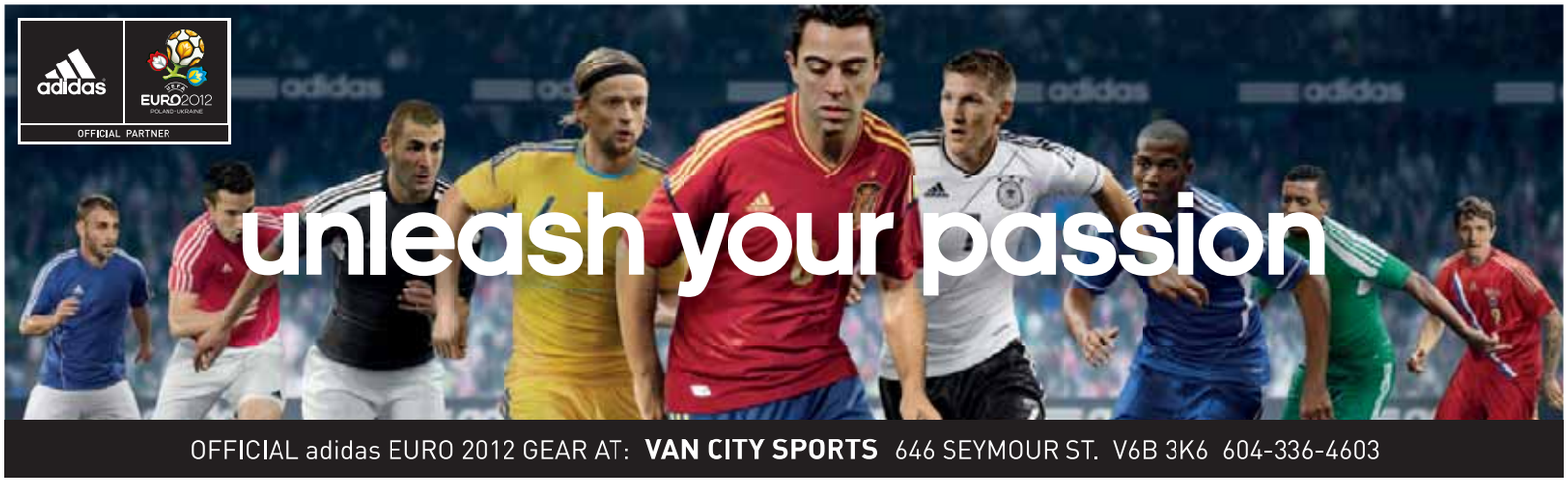
Canadian men's soccer team head coach Stephen Hart on Thursday. Canada is riding the momentum of taking four of six possible points in two World Cup qualifiers.

The victories, a spirited 1-0 win in Cuba and 0-0 home draw against Honduras, have placed Canada second in CONCACAF Group C, trailing Panama, which has collected six points in two matches.

Now Canada sits idle before resuming the quest for a Brazil 2014 berth with a match in Toronto against Panama on Sept. 7.

On the web

Joe Torre will call the shots from the dugout once again. The 71-year-old, who led the New York Yankees to four championships, will manage the United States at the next World Baseball Classic. Scan the code for the story.



Irish find no luck against Spaniards

Euro 2012. Ireland eliminated from tournament

Group C

Spain	Ireland
4	0

Spain's dazzling ball control, dizzying passing game and deluge of shots were way too much for Ireland.

Fernando Torres scored a goal in each half, and David Silva and substitute Cesc Fabregas added the others as Spain beat Ireland 4-0 and eliminated the Irish from the European Championship with its most lopsided loss in 41 years.

Spain, which leads Group C along with Croatia with four points, dominated the tempo and scoring opportunities through its quick combinations and precise passing. The defending champions completed an incredible 779 passes and took 26 shots — 20 of them on goal — in a performance that put it on course for a spot in the quarter-finals.

Torres, who scored in the Euro 2008 final, put Spain ahead early after dispossessing Richard Dunne inside the area and scurrying past Stephen Ward before sending an angled shot over goalkeeper Shay Given in the fourth minute.

Torres started over Fabregas as the world champions reverted to fielding a traditional striker after the attack was led by six midfielders against Italy. The Chelsea striker showed that a late-season turnaround was no fluke as he became Spain's third all-time-leading scorer with 30 goals in 95 appearances.

"We wanted to win, to make a better impression than we did against Italy," said Torres, whose team completed three times as many passes as the Irish. "From the first minute we showed the character to win."

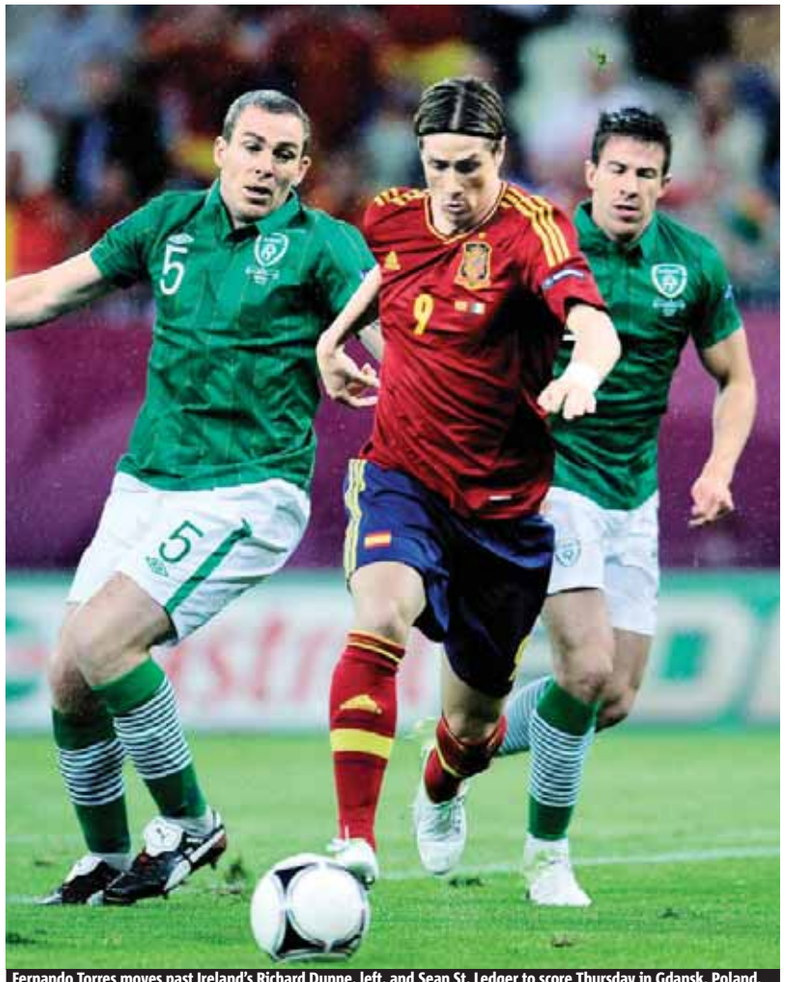
Torres' first goal marked the start of Spain's assault on the Irish, who had started well with Simon Cox forcing Spain goalkeeper Iker Casillas into a tricky save in the second minute.

"Unfortunately the goal for the second time after three minutes throws your tactical plan out the window," said Ireland coach Giovanni Trapattoni, whose team also conceded early in a 3-1 loss to Croatia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"For the vast majority of time, we were chasing shadows."

Ireland midfielder Keith Andrews after playing Spain.



Fernando Torres moves past Ireland's Richard Dunne, left, and Sean St. Ledger to score Thursday in Gdansk, Poland. ALVARO BARRIENTOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Post-match reaction

Given considers future

Ireland goalkeeper Shay Given says his team's early exit from the European Championship following a 4-0 thrashing by Spain could prompt some players to consider retiring from international duty.

Given, 36, says he will think about his own future after Ireland was outclassed Thursday by the defending champions at the PGE Arena. Other key performers like Damien Duff, Richard Dunne and Robbie Keane are also over 30.

Given says his emotions are "very raw" after the team's elimination and thinks there will be "a few players" who might make way for younger players coming through.

Coach Giovanni Trapattoni says he might give the likes of 23-year-old winger James McClean a chance in the final Group C match against Italy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shay Given Thursday in Gdansk, Poland. GETTY IMAGES

Euro moments

1 France. Feeling hot

French coach Laurent Blanc has moaned about the sweltering playing conditions for the matches in Ukraine, where his team is based, saying "I just went to the stadium and it's like an oven." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

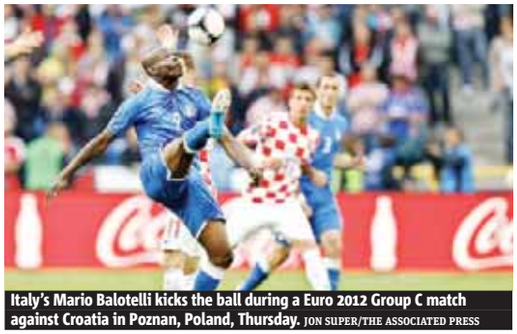
2 Netherlands. Dutch dud

The Dutch are at the bottom of Group B with no points after two matches, and reaching for the calculator to determine how they can stay alive in the tournament. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3 Fights. Trials for supporters

Warsaw police say eight people have been convicted in summary procedures and 125 will go before courts following street fights involving Russian and Polish hooligans when their teams played a Euro 2012 match. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Italians let lead and victory slip away



Italy's Mario Balotelli kicks the ball during a Euro 2012 Group C match against Croatia in Poznan, Poland, Thursday. JON SUPER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

After all the talk about an attacking approach to football, Italy fell back to its old defensive tactics Thursday — and the price was a costly 1-1 draw with Croatia.

The Italians let a first-half lead slip away and now may need help to advance to the European Championship quarter-finals.

Andrea Pirlo gave the Italians the lead with a curving free kick in the 39th minute, but Mario Mandzukic was left unmarked to equalize for Croatia in the 72nd.

Quoted

"I'm happy for the goal but it's a shame for the team performance."

Italy's Andrea Pirlo

At the start of the second half, Italy rarely threatened, instead choosing to absorb Croatia's attacks. The tactic backfired when Ivan Strinic launched a long pass from the left flank to Mandzukic, who had time to control and shoot it in off the post.

Italy coach Cesare Prandelli was left wondering if there was a physical problem with his squad.

"After an hour our physical level drops," Prandelli said. "We've got to figure out how to manage our energy in the next match. We're lacking freshness in that phase of the match." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Croatia's rising star

A relative unknown at international level and close to being disowned by his club, Croatia striker Mario Mandzukic is becoming a star

- His three goals in two matches, as well as his tireless endeavour, have given Croatia a real chance of qualifying for the quarter-finals.
- Before the tournament, Mandzukic's German club VfL Wolfsburg was making noises of getting rid of him at the right price.

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Across

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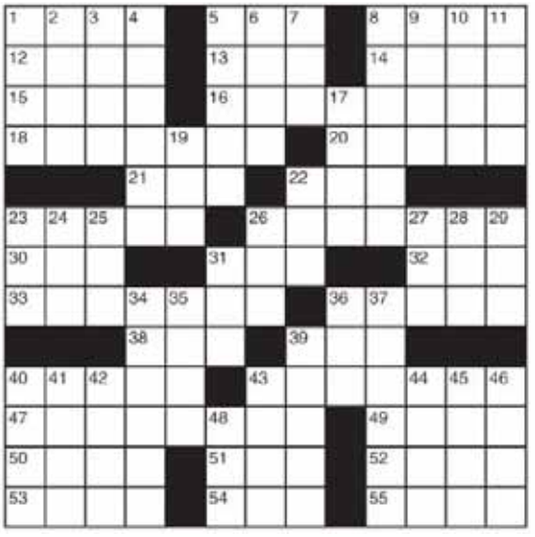
5 Regis and Kelly's network
8 San —, CA
12 Foundation
13 Drench
14 — and crafts
15 Greek vowels
16 "OK" gesture
18 To this point
20 Black wood
21 "— the ramparts ..."
22 Dollar bill
23 Pickling solution
26 "Pulp Fiction" actress
30 Fond du —, Wisc.
31 Scenery chewer
32 "Little Women" woman
33 Bambi's rabbit friend
36 Type of poem
38 Sweet potato
39 Additionally
40 Wound souvenirs
43 Lightning accompaniment
47 Thanksgiving, e.g.
49 Race-driver Earnhardt
50 Hippocratic —
51 Branch
52 Historic times
53 Experts
54 Buck's mate
55 Landlord's due

Down

1 Help with a crime
2 Shower alternative
3 Birthright barterer
4 Textbook segment
5 "When You Wish Upon —"
6 Physicist Niels
7 PC processor
8 Talk on and on
9 Approximately
10 Dazzle
11 Catch sight of
17 Waiter's handout
19 Retainer
22 Resistance measure
23 Sandwich order, for short
24 Cheery remark?
25 Hosp. section
26 Pitch
27 Scratch
28 Parisian's pal
29 Big Apple abbr.
31 Height of fashion?
34 Aromatic resins
35 Get a good grade
36 Reed or Rawls
37 There
39 Rosemary's partner
40 Halt
41 Burn somewhat
42 Car
43 Poi source
44 Challenge
45 Verve
46 Whatever's left over
48 Old man



Sudoku

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			1					6
3	1	7		6		2		
8			7		4		9	
	2						6	
	4		6		9			1
		3		8		7	5	9
5					3			
9								3

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	9	6	1	2	5	3	7	8
7	1	5	3	8	6	4	2	9
3	8	2	9	4	7	5	6	1
2	7	8	6	5	3	1	9	4
6	5	3	4	9	1	2	8	7
9	4	1	2	7	8	6	3	5
8	3	7	5	6	4	9	1	2
5	6	9	7	1	2	8	4	3
1	2	4	8	3	9	7	5	6

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

NWCQ ETI MT QTK NFQ D NCFXWK-UTVV ZTQKCVK, ZTIUM ETI VDE ETI NCAC GCDKCQ GE D VUFL LDAXFQ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF EMPLOYEES PAUSE TO TAKE SOME REFRESHING SIPS OF SODA, MIGHT THEY BE DRINKING BREAK FLUID?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals Y

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. No doubt you have big plans and no doubt you are going places but keep a sense of perspective.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You won't lack confidence today but will you match it with common sense? If you don't, you could find that something you expected to go right goes wrong at the last minute.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You will be inspired to try something new today. Whether your sense of adventure is a good thing remains to be seen.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. What you need today is a fresh way of looking at the world around you, and the only way to get that is to ask people for their opinions. Will your ego allow it? It should.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You are sure to have a brilliant idea today but you would be wise to get a second opinion before you put it into effect.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. There is no limit to what you can achieve now but there is a danger that you will take too much for granted and make a silly mistake.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. A lot of things don't seem to make much sense at the moment but does it matter? Life is and always will be a mystery. That's what makes it interesting.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You may have something worthwhile to say but that does not mean everyone you interact with is going to believe you, or even want to hear your message.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You may not be thinking clearly at the moment. So, if there are decisions to be made wait until the Sun changes signs on the 20th.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You know what you want and your confidence is such that the thought of failure has not crossed your mind. That's good. Keep believing.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Do you keep your plans to yourself or do you let everyone know about them? If you are smart, you won't give too much away.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Some of the ideas you come up with today and over the weekend will be remarkable even by your superior standards.

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